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The CAT-MAN

and THE KITTEN

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DOWN THROUGH
THE AGES HAVE
COME THE DREADED
RAVAGES OF THE
FOUR HORSEMEN
OF THE APOCALYPSE
LEAVING IN THEIR
WAKE SADNESS
HORROR AND
DESTRUCTION!
-- THE BEASTS OF
BERLIN, AND THEIR
FOUR HORSEMEN
COME TO GRIEF
WHEN THEY
ENCOUNTER--
THE CATMAN
and THE KITTEN!



THIS WEIRD
TALE OPENS IN THE
LABORATORY OF DOCTOR
GROTZ, SUPER-SCIENTIST
OF THE NEW ORDER----

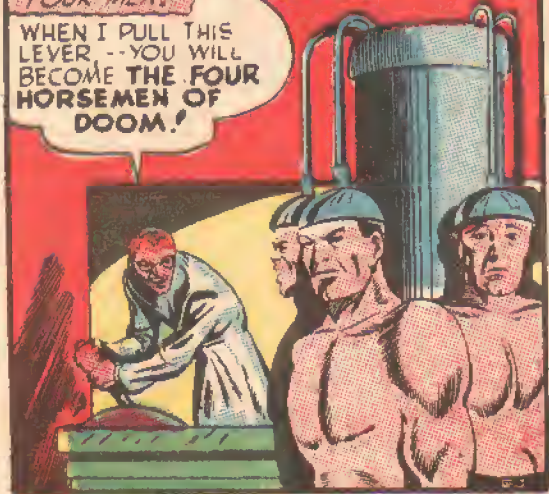
YOU ARE PREPARED
TO GO THROUGH WITH
THIS--- FOR THE GLORY
OF DER FEUHRER?

WE
ARE!

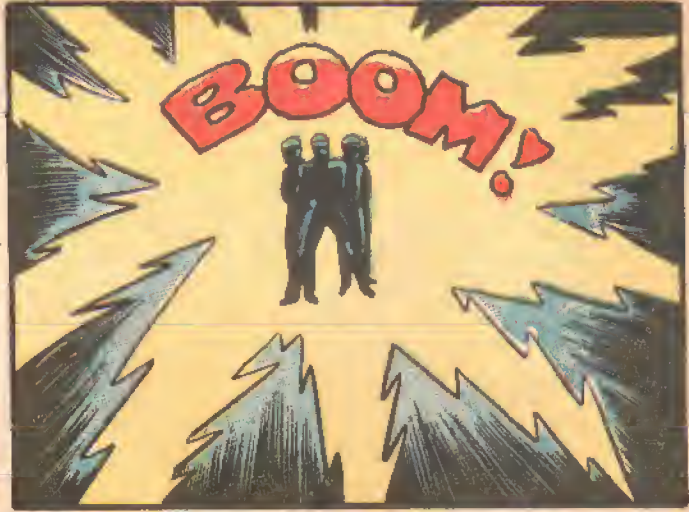


ELECTRODES FROM A WEIRD MACHINE ARE APPLIED TO THE HEADS OF THE FOUR MEN.

WHEN I PULL THIS LEVER -- YOU WILL BECOME THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF DOOM!



THE LEVER IS PULLED, AND --- A BLINDING FLASH LIKE A MILLION THUNDERBOLTS EXPLODES!!



AND LOOK --- THE FOUR IMPASSIVE FACES HAVE CHANGED TO ---

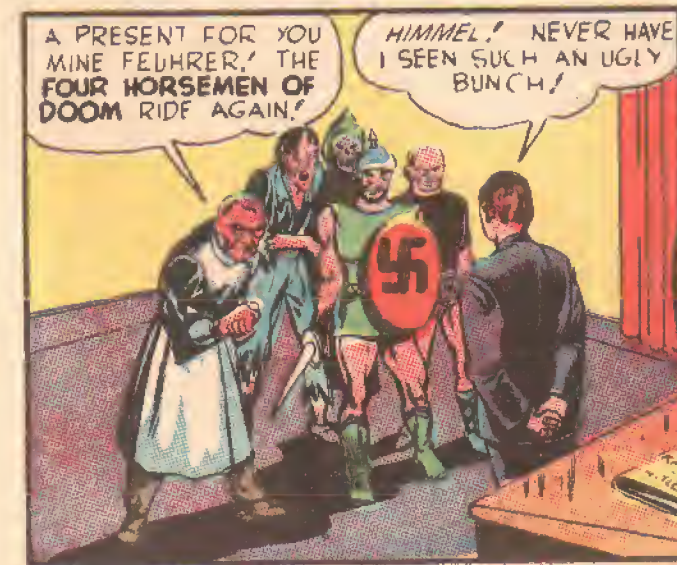


A SHORT WHILE LATER -- THE FOUR PRODUCTS OF DOCTOR GROTZ LABORATORY ARE LED TO AN AUDIENCE WITH DER FEUHRER HIMSELF!



A PRESENT FOR YOU MINE FEUHRER! THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF DOOM RIDE AGAIN!

HIMMEL! NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH AN UGLY BUNCH!



GET HORSES! -- GO OUT TO MY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES!! MURDER -- RAVAGE -- LOOT -- DESTROY!! LET THE PEASANT SWINE KNOW THE REAL GLORY OF THE NEW ORDER!



SOON THE DECENT CIVILIZED WORLD IS SHOCKED BY THE HIDEOUS EXPLOITS OF THE SUPER-HUMAN MONSTERS! NOTHING CAN STOP THEM -- PEOPLE ARE HELPLESS AGAINST THE ONSLAUGHTS OF THE RAVAGING FIENDS!!



HO! HO! -- BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER! -- I CAN FAN THE FLAMES OF HATRED HIGH!

HA! -- COME MY LITTLE ONE -- COME! -- FEEL THE TOUCH OF PESTILENCE UPON YOU!

NO! NO! NO!



LET THEM STARVE! I AM FAMINE!

THE TOUCH OF DEATH WILL FALL UPON ANYONE WHO TRIES TO STOP US!

IN AMERICA THE NEWS OF THIS LATEST AXIS MENACE IS RECEIVED WITH CONSTERNATION BY EVERYONE!

EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF DOOM!



AND TWO WHO HAVE JUST RETURNED READ THE NEWS-PAPER, THOUGHTFULLY!!

THIS DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT TO ME, KATIE

NOR TO ME EITHER! DO YOU THINK IT'S REAL?



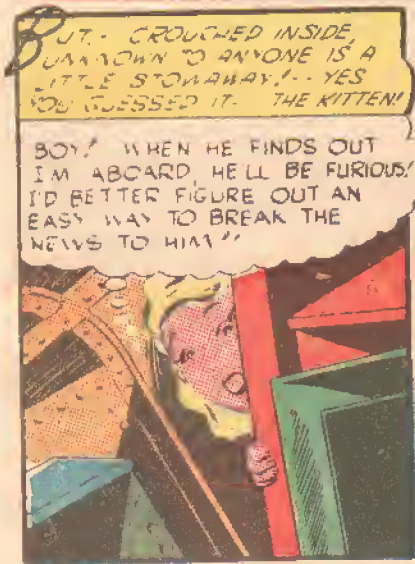
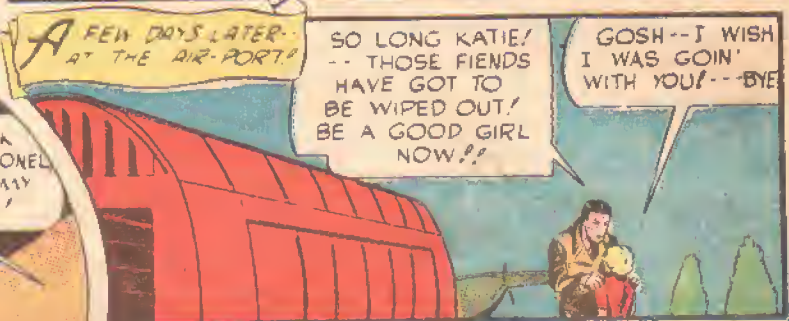
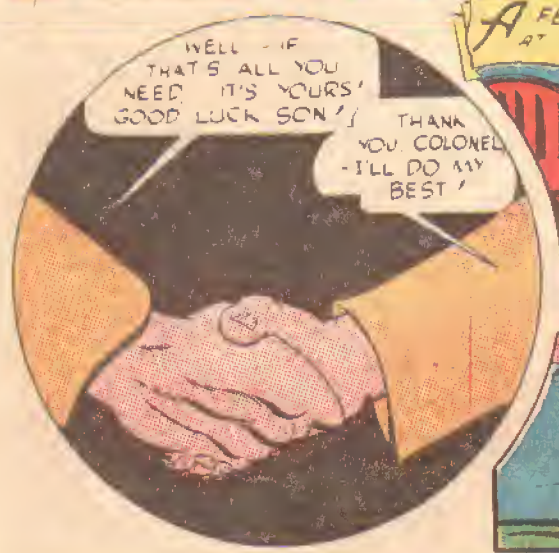
TOO REAL I'M AFRAID! THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY THE WAR OFFICE!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO, UNCLE DAVID?





LATER AT A LOCAL ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS



IN MERRYWEATHER LANDS, HE SEES

HALT!-- HALT
OR VE SHOOT!

OH--OH--HERE'S
WHERE THE NAZIS
GET THEIR FIRST
DOSE OF...

KATIE!

HEY! UNCLE DAVID,
WAIT!-- WAIT FOR
ME!!

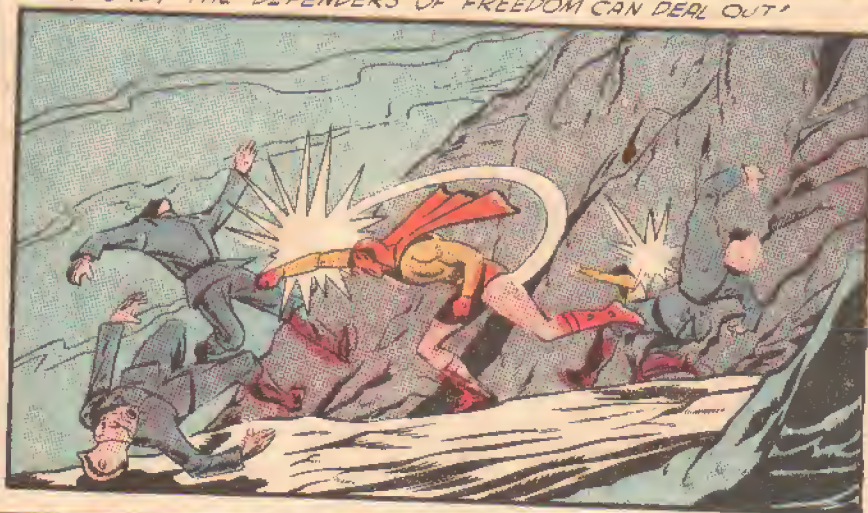
YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE DONE THAT KATIE!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT
YOU'VE LET US IN FOR?

I
KNOW!--
BUT WHEREVER
YOU GO--I GO!!
--I'M SORRY IF I
DISOBEYED YOU!!

--THE
CATMAN!!

--AND THE
KITTEN!!

THE STARTLED NAZIS RUN HEADLONG INTO A FURY OF BATTLE
AS ONLY THE DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM CAN DEAL OUT!



BUT THE SHEER FORCE OF NUMBERS FINALLY
TAKES ITS USUAL TOLL...

HA!-- DER CATMAN UND
DER KITTEN!-- DER FOUR
HORSEMEN VILL BE GLAD
TO HEAR OFF DIS!

THE CAPTIVES ARE LED TO A HUGE CASTLE
DEEP IN THE DARK FOREST!



YOUR EXCELLENCIES--
VE HAFF CAPTURED DER
FAMOUS CATMAN AND DER
KITTEN!

HA! HA!
--THIS IS A
PRIZE INDEED!

GIVE ME
FIRST CRACK
AT THEM!

NO!
LET ME!
I'LL MAKE
THEM SORRY
THEY WERE EVER
BORN!!

YOU'RE
ALL MAD!
I'LL
GET
THEM
IN THE
END, ANY
WAY!
HO-HA!

YOU'RE PRETTY
BRAVE, AREN'T
YOU!--UNTIE
MY HANDS FOR
FIVE MINUTES,
--AND WE'LL
SEE HOW
TOUGH YOU
ARE!

EH? VERY
WELL! FIVE
MINUTES
FREEDOM!
--GUARD,
UNTIE HIS
HANDS!

SEE WHAT
I MEAN?

VERY GOOD CATMAN!!
--BUT WE ARE FOUR!
HA-HA-HA-HO!

HMM/
WHAT
A GRAND
FIFTH
HORSEMAN
HE WOULD
MAKE!

LET ME FINISH
THEM OFF
HERE AND
NOW!

NO! I HAVE
A BETTER
PLAN!--WE'LL
BEHEAD THEM
IN THE SQUARE!
--IT'LL BE A LESSON
TO THE STUPID
PEASANTS OF
FRANCE, NOT TO
DEFEY THE NEW
ORDER!

LOCKED IN A CELL, THE CATMAN
AND HIS LITTLE ALLY AWAIT
DEATH ON BLOCK, EARLY
THE NEXT MORNING

CATMAN!
--IS THIS
THE END
FOR US

EASY,
KITTEN,
EASY!

IF WE'RE
GOING TO DIE,
LET'S SHOW THEM
WE KNOW HOW!--
I'M SORRY YOU
FOLLOWED ME, LITTLE
ONE!-- YOU WOULD HAVE
BEEN SAFE AT HOME
RIGHT NOW!!

I'D
RATHER
BE WITH
YOU--
CATMAN,--
EVEN NOW!

DARK--AND THE CROWD WAITS AT THE SQUARE FOR THE SPECTACULAR AND GREATLY PUBLICIZED EXECUTION!!



I STILL THINK I SHOULD GIVE THEM A TOUCH OF A NICE GRUESOME DISEASE!

NAH!!--I SHOULD HAVE MADE THEM STARVE TO DEATH!

SILENCE!--OUR TASK IS TO CARRY OUT THE ORDERS OF HITLER! NOT TO SATISFY OURSELVES!

BUT WHERE ARE THEY?? I CAN HARDLY WAIT!!

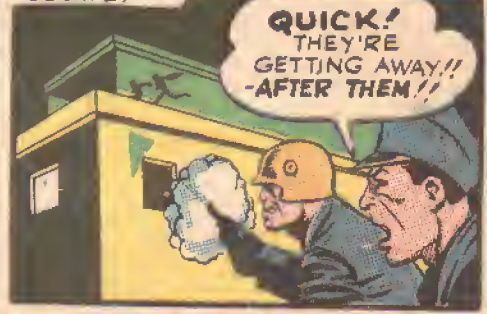
AT THAT MOMENT, THE CAR CONTAINING THE DOOMED PAIR APPROACHES!!



SO LONG, BOYS! WE GOTTA' LEAVE YOU NOW!

ACH! VOT ISS??

FOLLOWED BY A FUSILLADE OF SHOTS,--THEY QUICKLY MAKE THEIR ESCAPE!



QUICK! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!! --AFTER THEM!!



FORGIVE US, YOUR EXCELLENCIES--- THE PRISONERS --THEY HAAVE ESCAPED!

WHAT?



BOILING WITH RAGE, THE FOUR HORSE-MEN TEAR AWAY AFTER THEIR INTENDED VICTIMS!

I TOLD YOU, --YOU SHOULD HAVE LET ME FINISH THEM!

DON'T WORRY! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE AT THEM!

WE ALL SHALL!

BUT, THE CATMAN AND THE KITTEN HAVE APPROPRIATED A STAFF CAR!

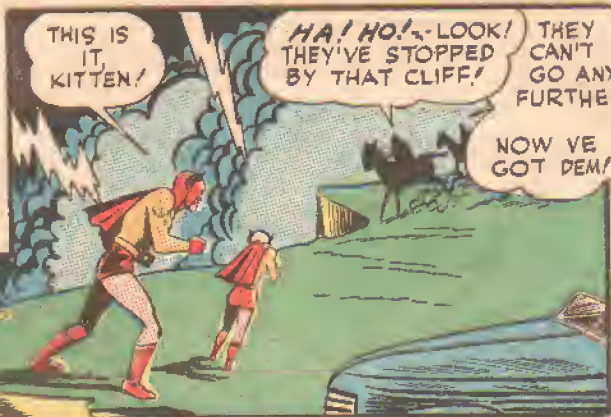
LOOK!--THEY'RE AFTER US!

I KNOW!

I'VE GOT TO LURE THEM OUT WHERE WE CAN HAVE ROOM TO REALLY HANDLE THEM!--THIS TIME I WANT AN EVEN BREAK!



THUNDER
ROARS, AND
LIGHTNING
FLASHES,
AS THE FOUR
HORSEMEN
CLOSE IN ON
THEIR QUARRY!



THIS IS
IT,
KITTEN!

HA! HO!...LOOK!
THEY'VE STOPPED
BY THAT CLIFF!

THEY
CAN'T
GO ANY
FURTHER!

NOW WE
GOT DEM!



WAIT TILL I
GET MY HANDS
ON YOU!

BUT...THE KITTEN
AVOIDS THE MAD
RUSH OF FAME, AND
THE FIRST HORSEMAN
PLUNGES TO HIS DOOM!

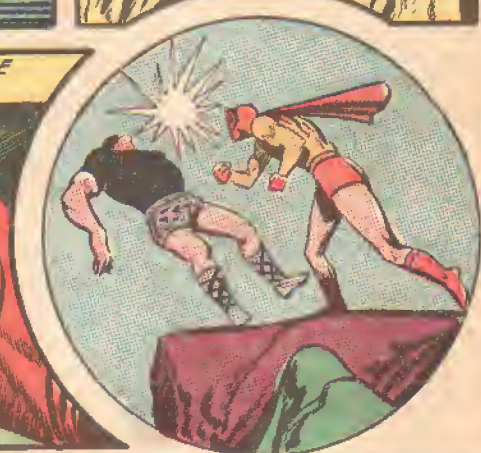


THEN PESTILENCE LEAPS AT THE
CATMAN!



NOW YOU
PERISH!

SAYS YOU!



AND THE SECOND
HORSEMAN IS NO
MORE!



BUT NOW DEATH AND WAR TAKE A HAND, AS THE
HEAVENS ROAR AND CRASH--A REAL BATTLE ROYAL
RAGES!!!



*S*UDDENLY,--THE KITTEN DUCKS
AND RUSHES TOWARD THE CAR!

THEY'RE TOO STRONG
FOR US!--I'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING
QUICK!



NOW, TO LIGHT
THE GAS IN
THE TANK!



*B*RAVELY THE KITTEN DRIVES THE
FLAMING CAR STRAIGHT TOWARD THE
FURIOUS STRUGGLE!



*S*CREAMING THE AGONIES OF DEATH, THE LAST
TWO HORSEMEN PERISH, IN THE FLAMES



LOOK OUT
CATMAN--
THIS WILL
GET THEM !!



*T*HEN, AS THE STORM ABATES, AND
THE TROUBLED SKIES BEGIN TO
CLEAR!

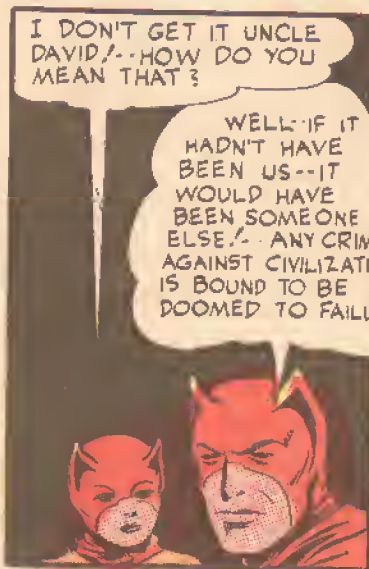
CATMAN!
CATMAN!
WE'VE WON!

NO, KITTEN!--
THEY WERE
BEATEN BEFORE
THEY STARTED!



I DON'T GET IT UNCLE
DAVID!--HOW DO YOU
MEAN THAT?

WELL--IF IT
HADN'T HAVE
BEEN US--IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN SOMEONE
ELSE!--ANY CRIME
AGAINST CIVILIZATION
IS BOUND TO BE
DOOMED TO FAILURE!



Don't Miss

THE NEXT
THRILLING
STARTLING
ADVENTURE

OF THE

Catman

AND THE

Kitten

IN

CATMAN
comics

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Feature

WHEN YOU'VE PAID YOUR DEBT TO SOCIETY FOR DOING WRONG, THERE IS NO NEED TO BE HAUNTED BY THREATENING GHOSTS OF THE PAST? "ONE SHOT LONNIGAN" THOUGHT DIFFERENT... BUT HIS DEAD STARING EYES BORE MUTE WITNESS TO THE ERROR OF HIS BELIEF WHEN...

"FATE TURNS THE COMBINATION"



THE DEACON and MICKEY
and FATE TURNS THE COMBINATION

Drawn by JACK ALDERMAN
Story by JACK GROGAN

REMEMBER TO BUY MORE WAR BONDS FOR VICTORY!

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN THE DEACON AND MICKEY WERE RETURNING FROM THEIR SOLITARY EVENING WALK....

ONCE INSIDE THE COOL RECTORY, THEY BOTH STOP SHORT.

THIS WEATHER GETS ME DOWN, DEACON! IT'S SO HOT MY EARS ARE LIMPING!

IT IS HOT, MICKEY! I HOPE WE'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP TO-NIGHT!

GOOD HEAVENS! IT CAN'T BE!!!

THAT'S RIGHT, DEAC! IT'S YOUR OLD PAL "ONE SHOT LONNIGAN!" AND YOU REMEMBER "KNUCKLES," DON'T YOU?

HI! YA! DEAC!

THOUGHT YOU COULD RUN OUT ON YOUR PAST, EH DEAC? I SEE YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF "DEACON" SAME AS YOU DID IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN YOU WERE THE BEST CRIB-CRACKER IN THE BIZ!

LISTEN, LONNIGAN, I....

TAKE IT EASY, DEAC! THERE'S A ROPE WAITING FOR ME AND KNUCKLES! YOU KNOW THAT! BUT, DON'T FORGET... YOU WERE IN ON THAT LITTLE JOB... IT WAS ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO!

YOU'RE A FOOL, LONNIGAN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN TOSS A SCARE INTO ME! I TOOK AN EIGHTEEN MONTH RAP FOR THAT JOB, AND I RETURNED THE STOLEN JEWELS!

I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT BECAME OF THAT STUFF! SO YOU BROUGHT 'EM BACK!

LISTEN, DEAC, STOP KNOCKING YOURSELF OUT! WE GOTTA LITTLE JOB TO DO IN THIS BURG AND YOU'RE GONNA HELP US DO IT!

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?

EASY ENOUGH! WE BLEW IN THIS MORNING AND HEARD A LOTTA CHUMPS TALKIN' ABOUT "THE DEACON" WHO LIVES IN THIS CREEPY JOINT ... THE REST WAS EASY! AND HERE WE ARE!

JUST THEN MICKEY COMES IN WITH
A TERRIFIC SWING...

YEAH, AND HERE
YOU ARE! IF YOU
THINK YOU'RE
GONNA GET THE
DEACON IN A JAM,
YOU'RE CRAZY!

STOP 'EM
DEAC, OR I'LL
DRILL HIM,
SO HELP ME!

YOU LITTLE PUNK!
YOU'RE GONNA GET
YOURS FOR THAT!
WAIT'LL I GET THROUGH
WITH YOU!

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM ME,
LONNIGAN?

HERE'S WHAT I WANT!
WE'RE GONNA CRACK
THE SAFE AT MILES'
JEWELRY STORE! ONLY
INSTEAD OF BLASTIN'
--- YOU'RE GONNA
OPEN IT BY JUST PLAYIN'
WITH THE COMBINATION
LIKE YOU ALWAYS DID!

AND IF I
REFUSE!

REFUSE? IF YOU DON'T DO
IT, DEAC, I'LL BLAST YOU AND
YOUR PUNK FRIEND HERE
TO KINGDOM COME, AND
TAKE MY CHANCES! I'M WANTED
FOR ONE RAP...
SO I DON'T
CARE IF I TAKE
ANOTHER!

SEVERAL
MINUTES
LATER...

IF WE START ARGUING
MICKEY, THEY'LL KILL
US! HE'S CRAZY ENOUGH
TO DO IT! LET'S FOLLOW
THIS THROUGH AND TRY
TO FIGURE SOMETHING
OUT AS WE GO ALONG!

ANYTHING YOU
SAY, DEAC! BUT
I'D LIKE TO GET
ANOTHER PUNCH
AT THAT RAT!

THE STREETS OF CENTRE CITY ARE DESERTED AT
THIS HOUR. LONNIGAN FORCES THE DEACON IN
ALONG THE ALLEY ADJOINING MILES JEWELRY STORE

THIS MILES JOINT IS A SET-
UP! BUT I CAN'T BLAST OPEN
THE SAFE IN THIS HICK TOWN!
AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT, THEY'D
ALL TUMBLE OUT OF BED
LIKE A CRATE OF ORANGES!

YEAH... SO
WE'RE LET-
TIN' THE GOOD
OLD DEACON,
OPEN IT FOR
US... HE KNOWS
HOW!

THIS GUY MILES HAS AN
OLD FASHIONED BURG-
LAR ALARM SYSTEM! I'VE
ALREADY CUT THE WIRES
LEADING TO IT... WE
CAN GET IN THROUGH
THE BACK WINDOW...

YOU WON'T GET
AWAY WITH THIS,
LONNIGAN....

LISTEN DEAC, NO FUNNY STUFF! I PROMISE YOU, I'LL DRILL BOTH OF YOU IF YOU CROSS ME, AND I MEAN IT! LET'S GET TO WORK!

THERE'S THE CRIB DEAC! CRACK IT! A GOOD RAFFLES LIKE YOU CAN OPEN THIS BABY IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES! I'M TIMING YOU! GET GOIN'

YEAH! GET GOIN'

WITH THE INSISTENT PRODDING OF A GUN ON HIS BACK, THE HELPLESS DEACON HAS NO ALTERNATIVE....

GOOD OLD DEAC! THE MOST SENSITIVE HANDS IN THE BIZ! IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU DECIDED TO WALK ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW!

YEAH.... AIN'T IT A SHAME ONE SHOT?

A FEW MINUTES LATER, UNDER THE SKILLFUL MANIPULATION OF THE DEACON, THE HUGE SAFE SWINGS OPEN....

GOOD WORK, DEAC! NOW YOU JUST STAY HERE LIKE A GOOD BOY AND I'LL COLLECT THE STUFF WE CAN USE... WATCH 'EM KNUCK!

DON'T WORRY ONE SHOT!

IN A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, THE LOOT IS OUT OF THE SAFE AND STORED IN A CANVAS SACK....

THANKS DEAC! I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT I GOTTA... THAT PUNK FRIEND OF YOURS WAS THE ONLY GUY THAT EVER TOOK A SWING AT "ONE SHOT LONNIGAN" AND GOT AWAY WITH IT SO....

SO... WHAT?

SO... THIS! GET IN THE SAFE, PUNK!

I... I... LET'S TRY AND BASH THESE GUYS.. WE....

YOU'RE THE DIRTIEST RAT I EVER HEARD OF, LONNIGAN! YOU KNOW I CAN OPEN THE SAFE AND GET HIM OUT!

YELLOW, EH? JUST LIKE I THOUGHT!



LOOK OUT, DEACON!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

OH!

POW!



YOU LITTLE BUTTER-RAT! GET IN THAT SAFE BEFORE I DRILL YA RIGHT HERE AND NOW!

MAKE ME!



OWWWW!

THERE THAT'S THE SECOND CRACK I GOT AT YOU, TOUGH GUY!

POW!



POW!

YEAH... BUT IT'S THE LAST ONE, YOU'LL MAKE, PUNK!



I'D DRILL 'EM BOTH, BUT THE NOISE WOULD WAKE UP THE BURG! LET 'EM DIE IN THIS SAFE! THERE'S NO AIR-VENTILATION SYSTEM IN THIS OLD FASHIONED CRIB!

THAT KID SURE PACKS A WALLOP!



LEFT TO DIE IN THE SAFE OUR TWO VALIANT FRIENDS ARE STILL UNCONSCIOUS....



BUT THE DEACON IS THE FIRST TO RECOVER...

WHA-WHA-- GOOD HEAVENS! WE'RE LOCKED IN THE SAFE! MICKEY--- MICKEY BOY!

WHAT... WHAT'S
WRONG, DEAC?

LISTEN, MICKEY, LISTEN! WE'RE
IN THE WORST SPOT WE EVER
WERE IN! I DON'T KNOW HOW
MUCH AIR IS IN THIS THING, BUT
IT WON'T
LAST LONG
WE'VE GOT
TO WORK
FAST!



MEANWHILE, "ONE SHOT LONNIGAN" AND KNUCKLES
HAVE HIT THE STATE HIGHWAY AND FREEDOM...

GOOD JOB, KNUCK! I
DON'T FEEL SORRY!
THAT'S JUST THE WAY
THE DEACON WOULD
LIKE TO DIE... AND
THAT KID....

ONE SHOT!
DO YOU HEAR
WHAT I HEAR?



AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEACON FEELS
SHE GOES TO WORK...

MICKEY... THESE
ARE THE BIGGEST
TREASURES I EVER
TWIRLED A COMBI-
NATION FOR, OUR
LIVES! AND I HAVE
TO WORK FROM
THE
INSIDE!

IT'S ALLRIGHT,
DEACON! YOU'LL
DO IT! I GOT
FAITH IN YOU,
HONEST!
HAVE!



MEANWHILE LONNIGAN AND KNUCK-
LES DISCOVER A GREAT FLAW IN
THEIR PLANS OF ESCAPE....

A FLAT! HOW
D'YA LIKE THAT?

NEXT TIME MAKE
SURE YOU STEAL
A CAR WITH
GOOD TIRES!



WHILE THE DEACON RACES A-
GAINST TIME IN THE SAFE...

CAN'T... HOLD...
OUT... MUCH...
LONGER DEACON
...I... YOUR A
SWELL GUY!

COURAGE!
COURAGE,
MICKEY!
THERE'S
ALWAYS A
WAY OUT!
KEEP YOUR CHIN UP!



MEANWHILE KNUCKLES AND LON ARE STILL WORRIED!

SO, WHATTA WE
GONNA DO, WISE
GUY?

SHUT UP, LUG! WE'LL
JUST WAIT FOR THE NEXT
CAR THAT COMES ALONG
AND GRAB IT!



AT THE SAME TIME, THINGS HAVE FINALLY CHANGED
FOR THE BEST FOR THE DEACON AND MICKEY...

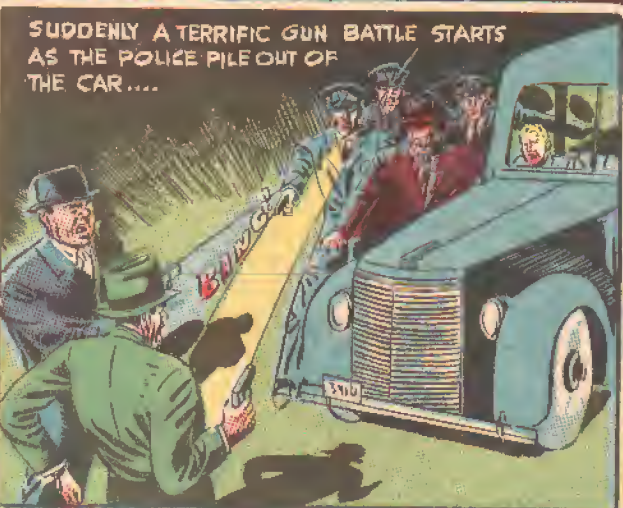
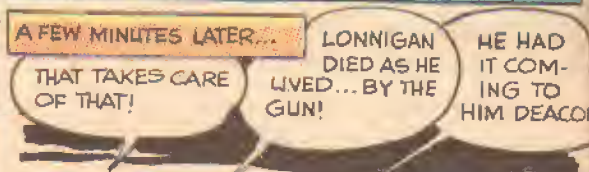
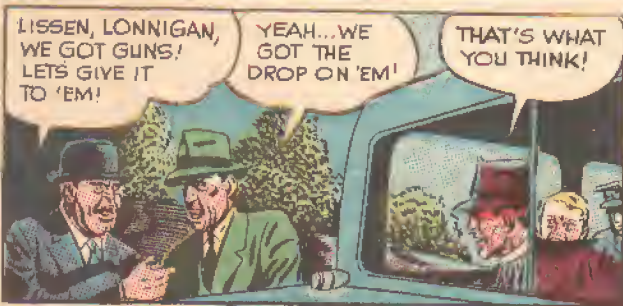
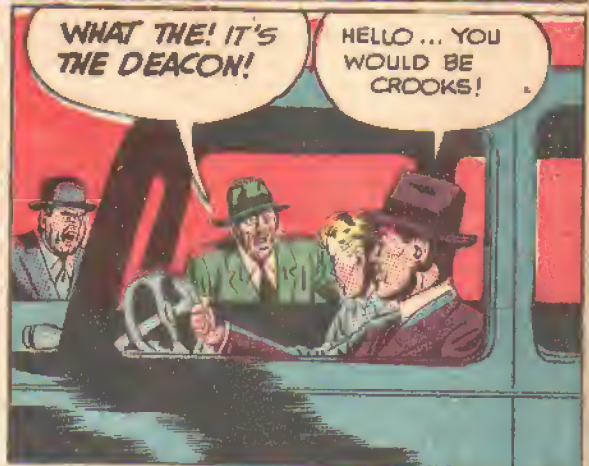
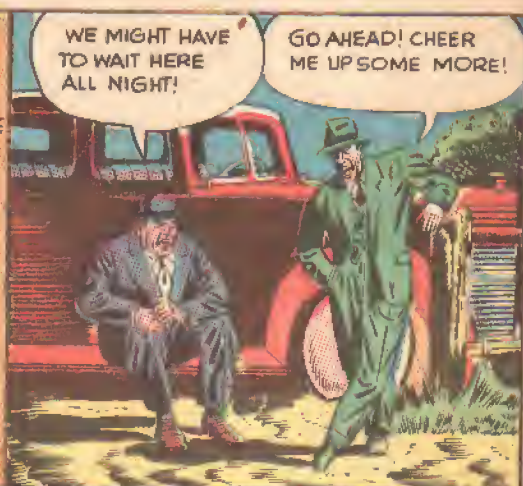
MICKEY! MICKEY!
I MADE IT! IT'S
OPEN!

AIR... I GOTTA...
HAVE AIR...



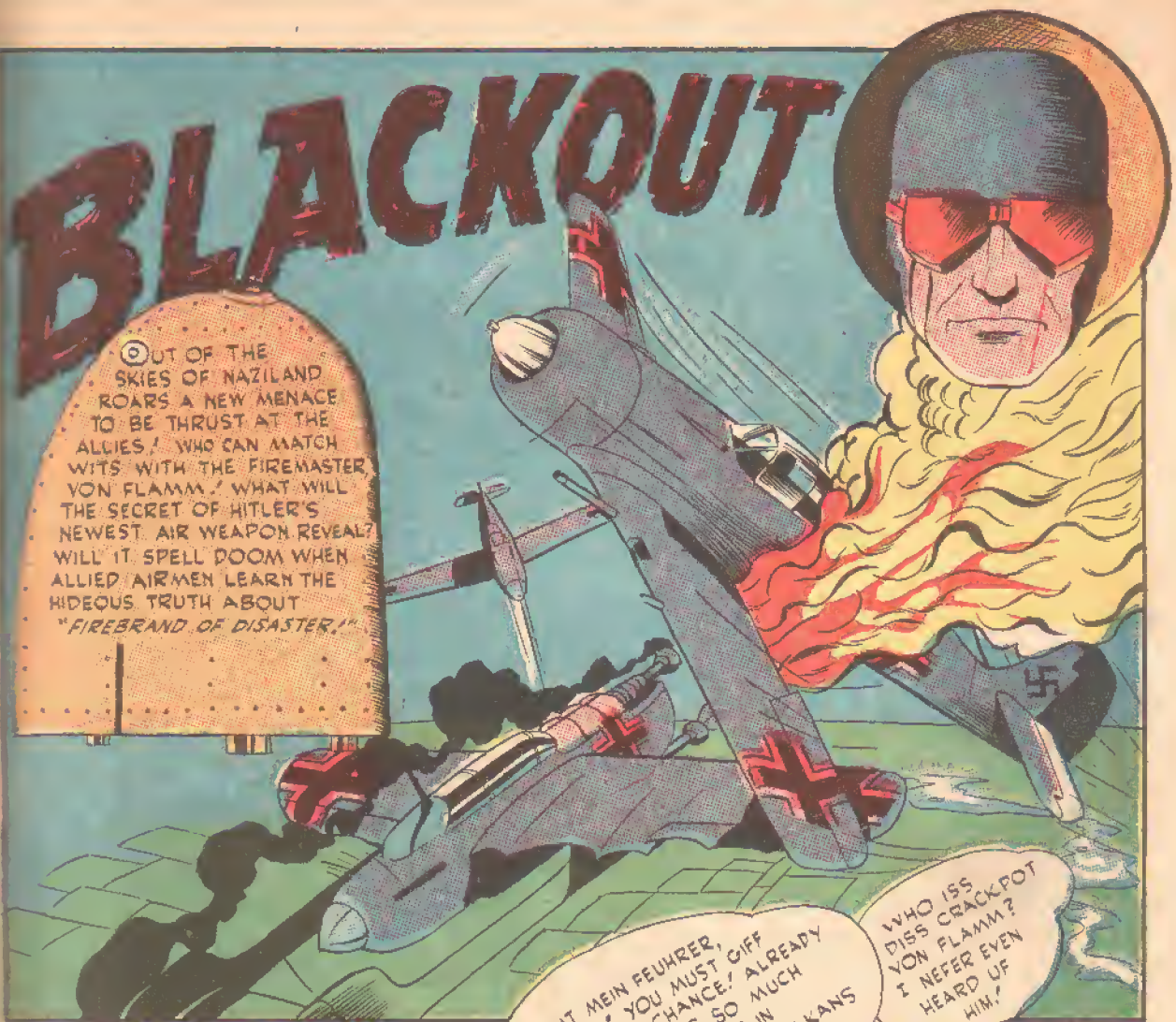


MEANWHILE
LON AND
KNUCK
ARE WOR-
RIED...



BLACKOUT

OUT OF THE SKIES OF NAZILAND ROARS A NEW MENACE TO BE THRUST AT THE ALLIES! WHO CAN MATCH WITS WITH THE FIREMASTER VON FLAMM? WHAT WILL THE SECRET OF HITLER'S NEWEST AIR WEAPON REVEAL? WILL IT SPELL DOOM WHEN ALLIED AIRMEN LEARN THE HIDEOUS TRUTH ABOUT "FIREBRAND OF DISASTER!"



OUR STORY OPENS IN ADOLPH HITLER'S INNER SANCTUM...

BAH! NO! IT SOUNDS TO SILLY TO BE PRACTICAL!

BUT MEIN FEHRER, PLEASE! YOU MUST GIFF DIS MAN A CHANCE! ALREADY VE ARE LOSING SO MUCH UF MEIN LUFTWAFFE IN RUSSIA UND IN DER BALKANS DOT IF VE CAN'T TINK UP A GOOT IDEA SOON, VE ARE GOING TO BE OVERVELHED!!

WHO ISS DISS CRACKPOT VON FLAMM? I NEFER EVEN HEARD UF HIM!



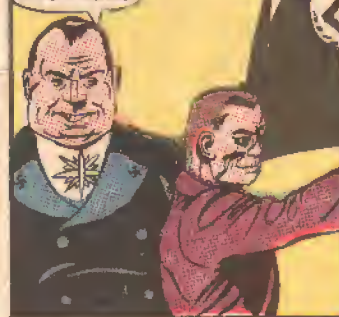
ER-R--UNFORTUNATELY VON FLAMM HAS BEEN IN AN INSANE ASYLUM FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, HE WAS RELEASED RECENTLY-- HE'S PERFECTLY NORMAL MEIN FEUHRER, AS YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOU TALK TO HIM.

I HOPE SO, I'VE GOT SO MANY MANIACS WORKING FOR ME NOW--I CAN'T STAND ANYMORE!



DISS ISS DER BARON VON FLAMM; MEIN FEUHRER!

HEIL HITLER!!



SO? WHAT ISS YOUR SCHEME FOR A NEW SECRET WEAPON?--EXPLAIN IT TO ME!!

JA MEIN FEUHRER! LISTEN CLOSELY--DISS IS DER WHOLE IDEA--DISS--



SEVERAL DAYS LATER IN A SECRET HIDEOUT OF THE GERMAN UNDERGROUND--

SHH--BLACKOUT SLEEPS--WHAT COULD BE SO IMPORTANT AS TO AWAKEN HIM?



BUT IT IS IMPORTANT! VERY IMPORTANT! I WANT TO TELL HIM--

BUT THE KEEN EARS OF BLACKOUT ARE ALERT TO THE SLIGHTEST NOISE--



WHO IS IT, HANS? BRING HIM HERE--

I LEARNED FROM ONE OF US, AT THE AIRFIELD OUTSIDE OF JENA, THAT A SECRET WEAPON IS BEING PERFECTED BY THE NAZIS, TO SEND AGAINST THE ALLIES!

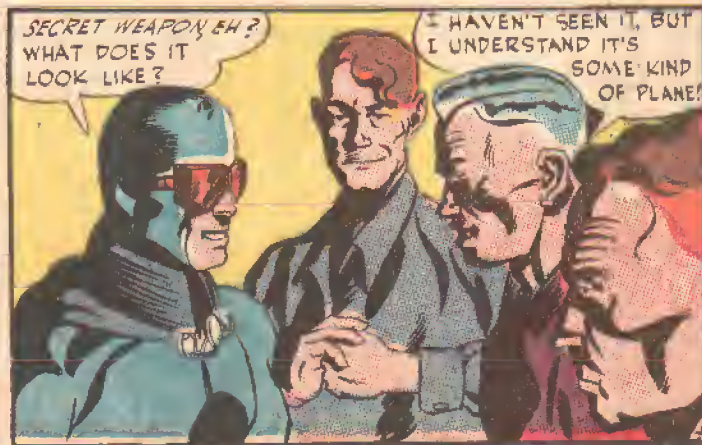
WE ARE SORRY WE DISTURBED YOU BLACKOUT,-- BUT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS IS HERE

IT'S NOTHING--A BLINDMAN CAN HEAR BETTER THAN A MAN WHO CAN SEE!

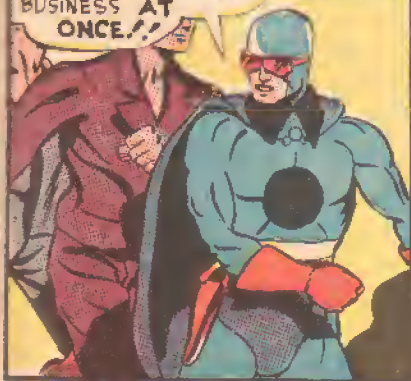


SECRET WEAPON EH? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

I HAVEN'T SEEN IT, BUT I UNDERSTAND IT'S SOME KIND OF PLANE!



SECRET WEAPONS, AND PLANES ARE
RIGHT UP MY ALLEY-- I'M
LOOKING INTO THAT
BUSINESS AT
ONCE!!



MEANWHILE -- AT THE SECRET
AIRFIELD AT JENA --

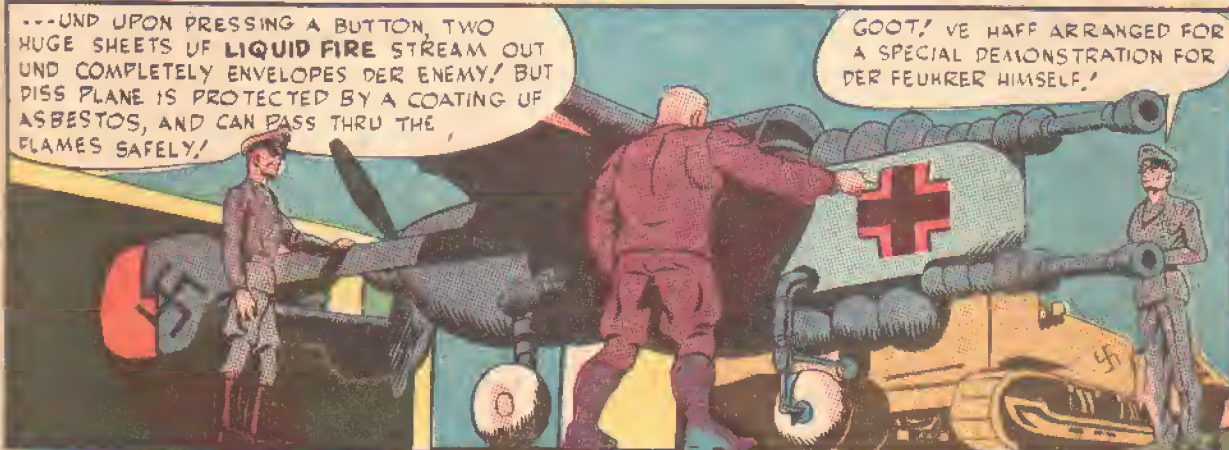
WE ARE READY FOR A
PRACTICE DEMONSTRATION
OF YOUR SHIP --
JA!!

JA, JA, MEIN
COMMANDANT!
EVERYTHING IS
IN READINESS.
RIGHT DISS
VAY--



...UND UPON PRESSING A BUTTON, TWO
HUGE SHEETS OF LIQUID FIRE STREAM OUT
UND COMPLETELY ENVELOPES DER ENEMY, BUT
DISS PLANE IS PROTECTED BY A COATING UP
ASBESTOS, AND CAN PASS THRU THE
FLAMES SAFELY!

GOOT! WE HAF ARRANGED FOR
A SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION FOR
DER FEUHRER HIMSELF!



MINUTES LATER -- A FURTIVE NAZI GUARD APPROACHES
A BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR AT JENA --

LISTEN, CAPTAIN GREEN -- I CAN ARRANGE
TO LET YOU ESCAPE! I WANT YOU TO
DELIVER A MESSAGE TO MY BROTHER
IN ENGLAND! I AM ONE OF THE
GERMAN
UNDER-
GROUND!

BUT HOW?



MY COMRADES HAVE A
PLANE WARMED UP FOR
YOU -- YOU WILL ESCAPE
IN THE AFTERNOON --

GOOD HEAVENS!
SOUNDS TOO
GOOD TO BE TRUE!
HOW CAN I EVER
THANK YOU? --



A SHORT TIME LATER --

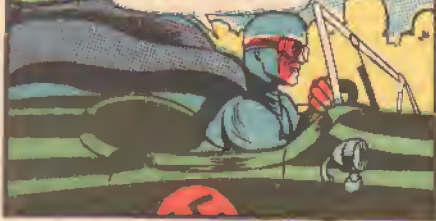
BUT I MUST HAF A
TARGET TO TRY THE
PLANE OUT ON! WHAT
ARE WE GOIN TO
DESTROY?

DON'T WORRY --
WE HAF MADE
ARRANGEMENTS! YOU
WILL HAF YOUR
TARGET!



BLACKOUT SPEEDS TO THE JENA AIRFIELD---

I CERTAINLY HAD TO PUSH THOSE NAZIS AROUND TO BORROW THIS CAR-- OH, OH, HERE COMES TROUBLE!--



HALT! SCHTOPP! I HAFF ORDERS TO SCHTOPP EVERY CAR HEADING IN THE DIRECTION UP JENA! STATE YOUR BUSINESS!



IT'S--IT'S--
BLACKOUT!!

RIGHT!--



--AND THIS IS UNOFFICIAL BUSINESS!



UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF "DER FEUHRER" AND HIS HENCHMEN, THE PLANE OF VON FLAMM'S GENIUS IS ROLLED ONTO THE FIELD FOR A TRIAL DEMONSTRATION!

BUT, HOW CAN HE DEMONSTRATE IF HE HAS NODDING TO SHOOPT AT?



DOT ISS DER SURPRISE
MEIN FEUHRER! CHUST
VAIT UND SEE--

AND--AT THE NEARBY PRISON CAMP--

HURRY!!

I'LL BE READY IN
A JIFFY!!



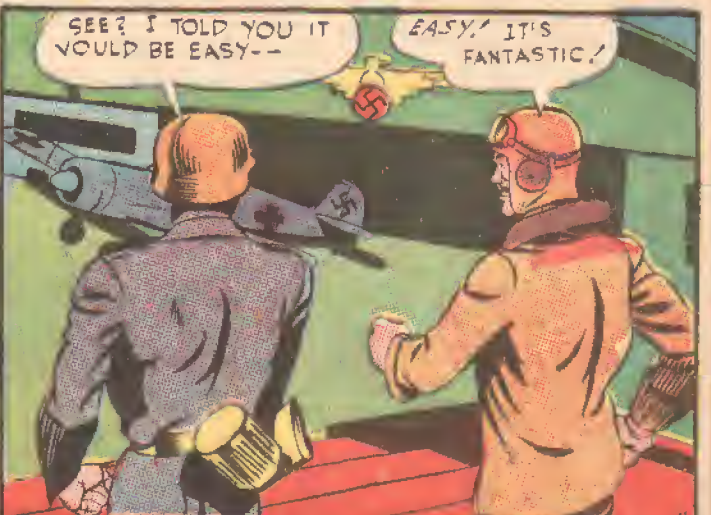
YOU CAN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THIS! THE PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE STILL GERMANS WHO ACT AND THINK LIKE GERMANS!

JA, JA! BE SURE
TO GIVE MY BROTHER
IN ENGLAND DER LETTER



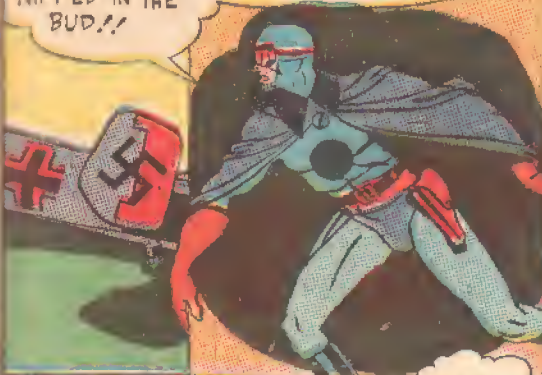
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT
WOULD BE EASY--

EASY! IT'S
FANTASTIC!



--AND BLACKOUT HAS ARRIVED AT THE SAME FLYING FIELD!

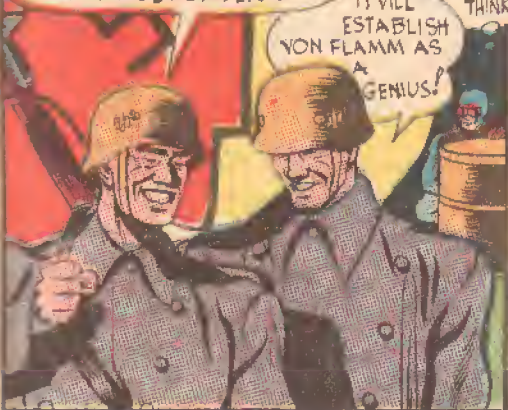
THESE MURDERERS WILL STOP AT NOTHING--BUT HERE'S ONE TIME THEIR SCHEME GETS NIPPED IN THE BUD!!



DIS FIREMASTER PLANE VILL BLAST DER STUPID ALLIES STRAIGHT OUT OF DER SKIES

JAH, IT VILL ESTABLISH VON FLAMM AS A GENIUS!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



LOOK! LOOK! VON FLAMM ISS TAKING OFF --!!

IT'S ABOUT TIME I SAW ACTION IN THIS PLACE!

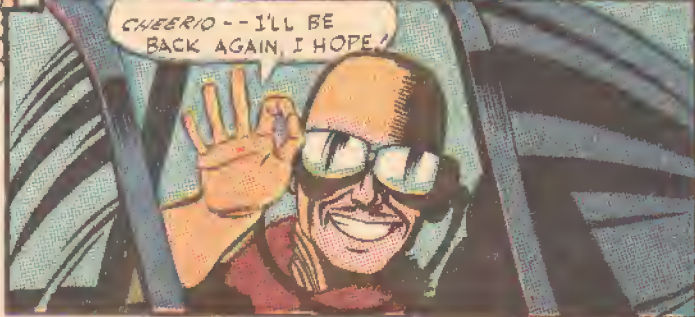


VELL, HERMAN, VAT ARE VE WAITING FOR? COMMENCE TO GET DER SHOW STARTED!!

JA! JA! MEIN FEUHRER --RIGHT AWAY!!

---AND CAPTAIN GREENE BIDS GOOD-BYE TO HIS NAZI BENEFACTOR--

CHEERIO -- I'LL BE BACK AGAIN, I HOPE!



---YOU'LL SEE ACTION AND PLENTY OF IT SOON! LOOK-- TWO PLANES ARE TAKING OFF!

HEY? WHAT'S THIS? I'M BEING FOLLOWED --

INTO THE SKY IN HOT PURSUIT THE FIREMASTER FOLLOWS THE BRITISH CAPTAIN!



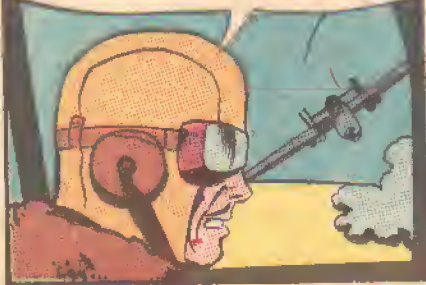
ENGLISH PIG! SOON YOU VILL FEEL THE FIRE OF DEATH -- HE-HE-

JA--IT'S AN ENGLISCHER --VE TOLD HIM HE VAS GOING TO ESCAPE--BUT HE VON'T GO FAR VITT VON FLAMM AFTER HIM --

VERY CLEFFER, HERMAN, I GIFF YOU ANUDDER MEDAL FOR DIS



THE DOGS ALLOWED ME TO ESCAPE
SO THAT THEY COULD SHOOT ME
DOWN, EH? WELL IF IT'S A FIGHT
THEY WANT--I'LL GIVE IT TO 'EM!



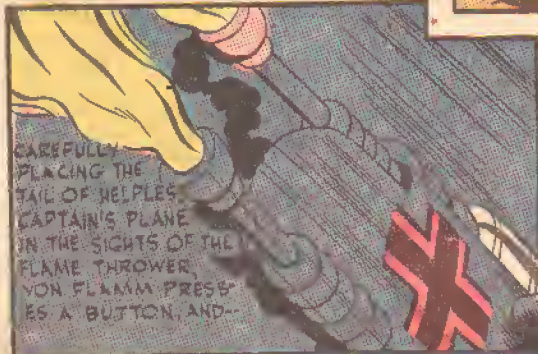
THE GUNS DON'T WORK--
--I HAVEN'T A CHANCE--
--THOSE FILTHY RATS-- WHAT
A WAY TO
CHECK
OUT!!



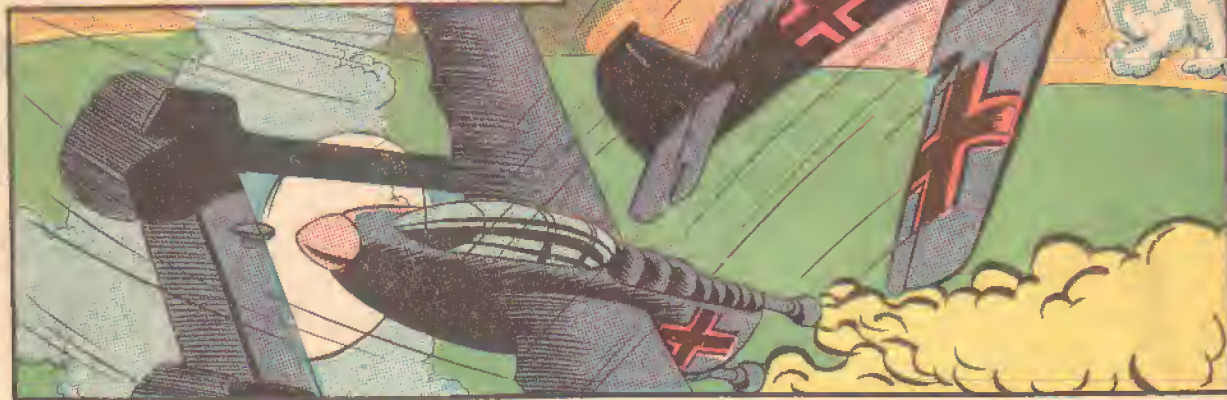
HERE'S WHERE YOU GET YOURS--
DOG OF A BRITISHER!



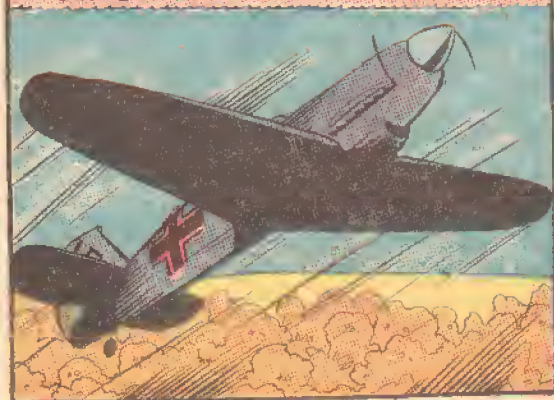
CAREFULLY
PLACING THE
TAIL OF HELPLESS
CAPTAIN'S PLANE
IN THE SIGHTS OF THE
FLAME THROWER,
VON FLAMM PRESSES
A BUTTON, AND--



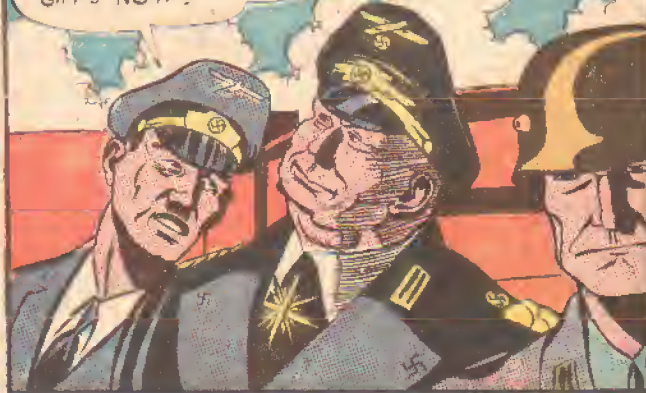
BUT SKILLFULLY
MANEUVERING
HIS CRAFT,
CAPTAIN GREENE
AVOIDS THE
HORRIBLE
MENACE!



--THEN SUDDENLY-- ANOTHER PLANE
ZOOMS ON THE SCENE OF THE UNEVEN
SKY BATTLE --



VOS ISS DISS, HERMAN?
VOT KIND UP JOKE
GIFFS NOW?



THE PILOT OF THE ONCOMING FIGHTER SURVEYS THE SCENE GRIMLY!

"OF ALL THE DIRTY TRICKS, HITLER MUST BE PROUD OF HIMSELF! WHOEVER THAT MAN IS-- HE WON'T DIE IF I CAN HELP IT!"

SO!-- SOMEVUN INTERRUPTS MY DEMONSTRATION! DEN I VILL CHASE HIM FROM PER SKY TOO!"

THIS CHAP'S TRYING TO PROTECT ME! HE MUST KNOW I'M 'HELPLESS'...



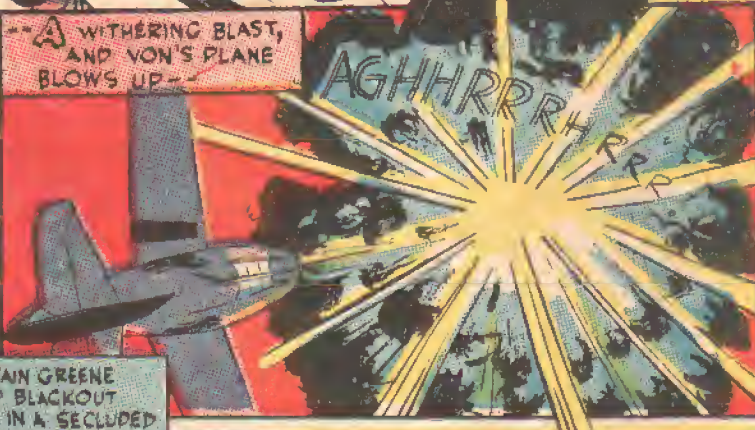
BUT BLACKOUT THROWS HIS PLANE INTO A ROLL AND COMES UP UNDER THE FIREMASTER

WERVING WILDLY, VON FLAMM PLUNGES HEADLONG TO DO BATTLE WITH HIS NEW ADVERSARY!

I COME TO GET YOU FIRST, SCHVINE!



NOW-- YOU MURDERER--



-- A WITHERING BLAST, AND VON'S PLANE BLOWS UP--

AGHHRRR!

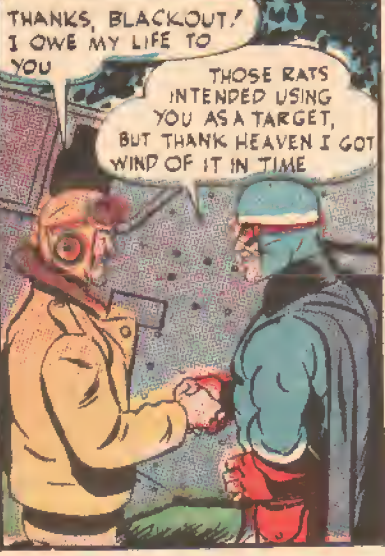
DOWN, DOWN CRASHES THE FLAMING HULK-- DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HITLER AND GOERRING--

CAPTAIN GREENE AND BLACKOUT LAND IN A SECLUDED AREA AWHILE LATER!



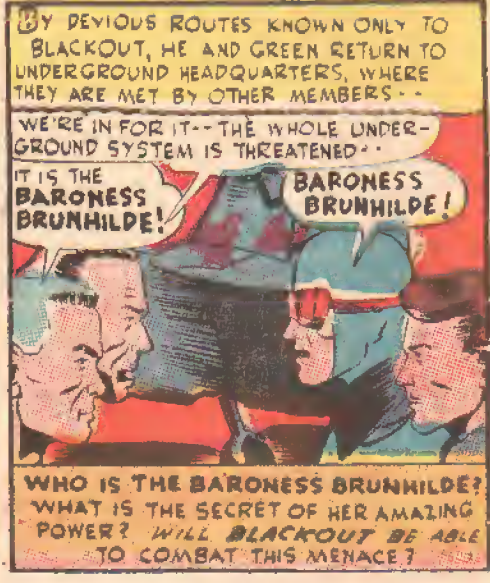
DONNER VETTER! WHAT HAPPENED?

DOT ISS BLACKOUT! I COULD RECOGNIZE HIM ANYWHERE-- VOT KIND UP A JOKE ISS DISS?



THANKS, BLACKOUT! I OWE MY LIFE TO YOU

THOSE RATS INTENDED USING YOU AS A TARGET, BUT THANK HEAVEN I GOT WIND OF IT IN TIME



BY DEVIOUS ROUTES KNOWN ONLY TO BLACKOUT, HE AND GREEN RETURN TO UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS, WHERE THEY ARE MET BY OTHER MEMBERS--

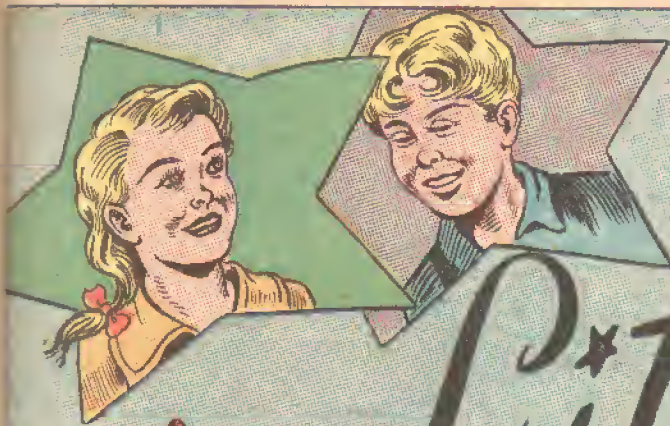
WE'RE IN FOR IT-- THE WHOLE UNDERGROUND SYSTEM IS THREATENED--

IT IS THE BARONESS BRUNHILDE!

BARONESS BRUNHILDE!

WHO IS THE BARONESS BRUNHILDE? WHAT IS THE SECRET OF HER AMAZING POWER? WILL BLACKOUT BE ABLE TO COMBAT THIS MENACE?





Little Leaders

Starring
Mickey
and The Kitten



© ONE DAY, WHILE VISITING THEIR FRIEND, CAPT. HADLEY AT HEAD-QUARTERS, MICKEY AND THE KITTEN SEE A FORLORN CHARACTER BROUGHT IN.

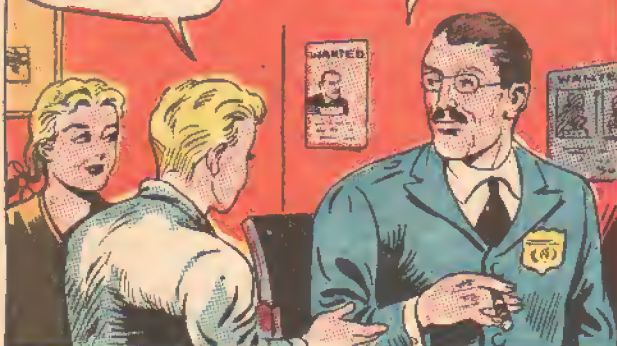


HE'S A
NAZI SPY KIDS!
WE'RE HOLDING
HIM FOR THE
FEDERAL AUTHORITIES!

SOMETHING IN THE PRISONER'S CHARACTER STRIKES A SYMPATHETIC CORD IN MICKEY!

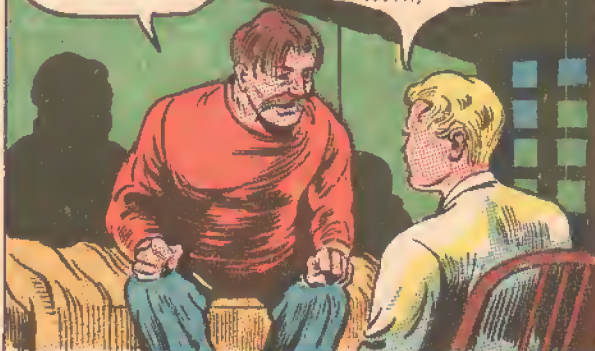
CAPTAIN, COULD I ASK A FAVOR?--I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THAT MAN ALONE!

OKAY, MICKEY, BUT IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD-- HE'S GUILTY! CAUGHT RED HANDED!



WHAT YOU WANT? AIN'T I GOT TROUBLES ENOUGH WIDOUT KIDS COMING IN TO STARE AT ME? GO AWAY, PLEASE!

WAIT,--I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU-- IF YOU'RE INNOCENT! THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY! --JUST GIVE ME THE DETAILS OF THE CRIME YOU'RE CHARGED WITH!



I AM KEEPER OF GABLE'S REEF LIGHTHOUSE! IT'S DARK SINCE THE DIMOUT!-- THEY SAY I GIVE SIGNALS TO THE AXIS SUBS ABOUT AMERICAN CONVOYS PASSING BY!-- I KNOW NOTHING OF THIS-- BELIEVE ME/ I FISH ALL DAY LONG, SOMETIMES AT NIGHT TOO!

TIMES UP, MICKEY! HE'S A TOUGH BIRD-- YOU'RE WASTING YER TIME!

KEEP UP YOUR COURAGE, MISTER! I'LL DO SOMETHING --YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME SOON-- BYE!



MICKEY AND THE KITTEN LEAVE THE STATION HOUSE!

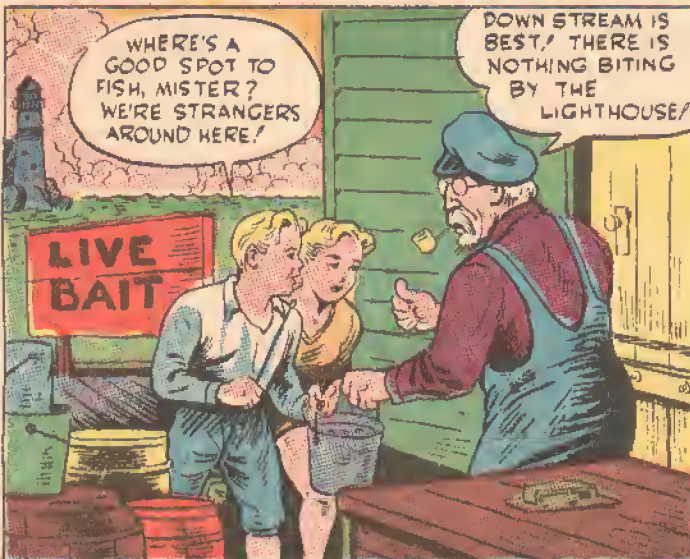
WHERE ARE WE GOING, MICKEY?

FISHING!



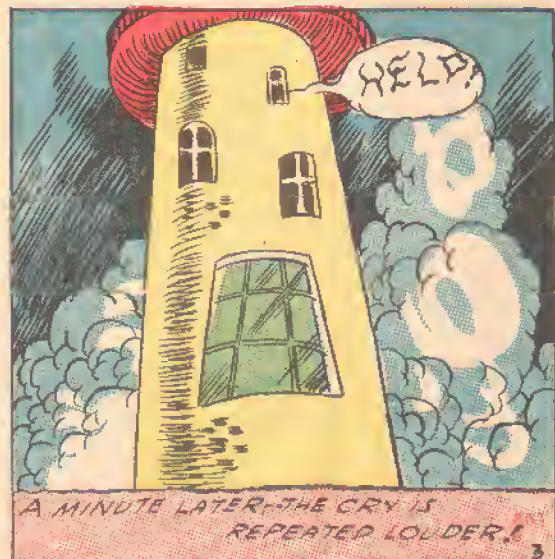
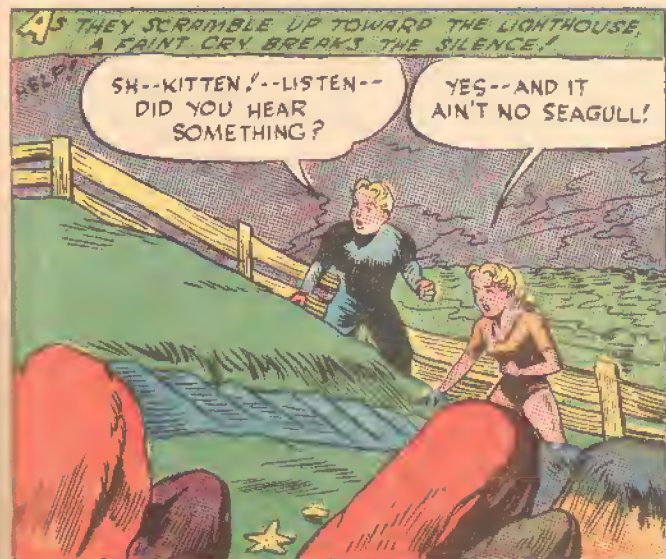
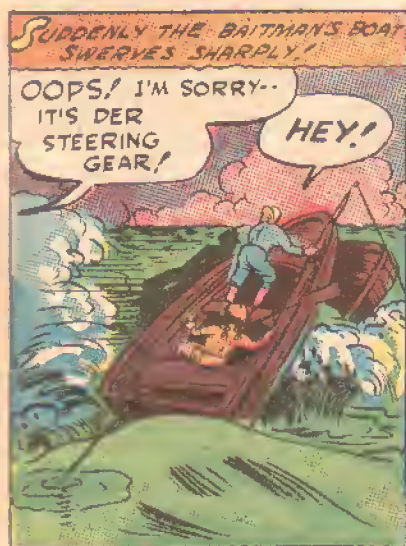
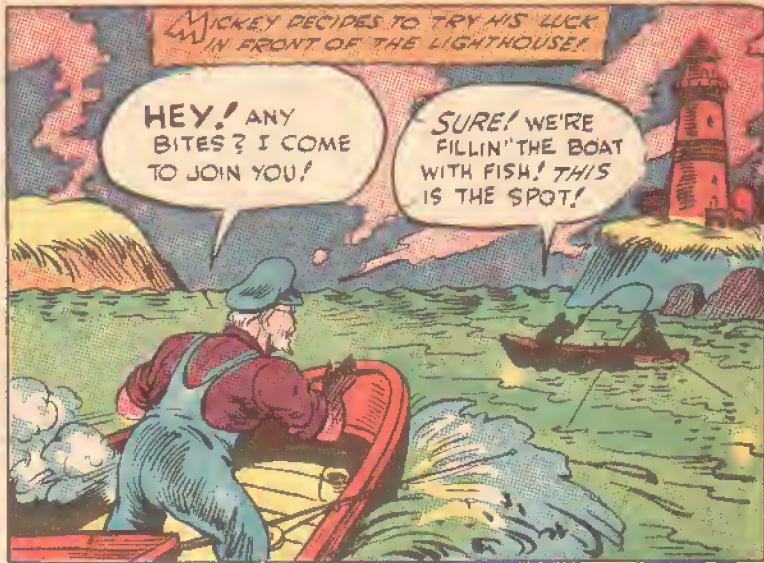
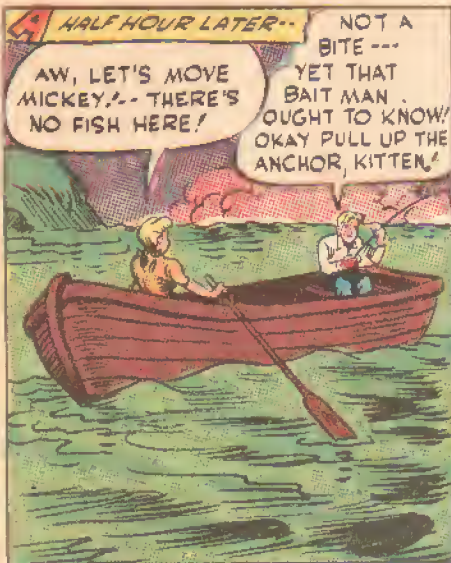
WHERE'S A GOOD SPOT TO FISH, MISTER? WE'RE STRANGERS AROUND HERE!

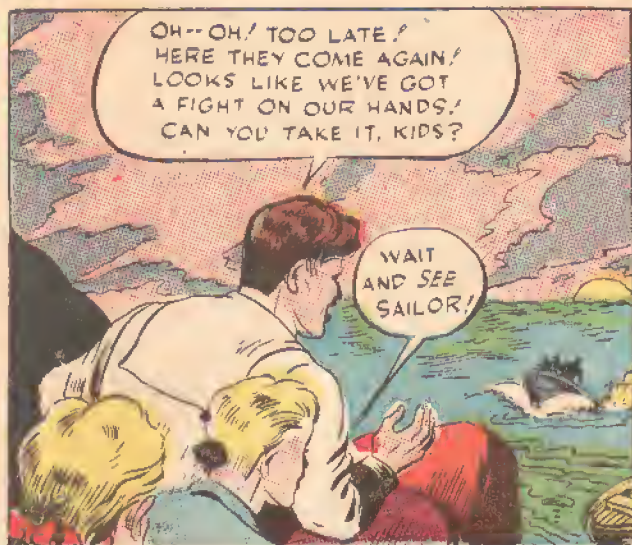
DOWN STREAM IS BEST! THERE IS NOTHING BITING BY THE LIGHTHOUSE!



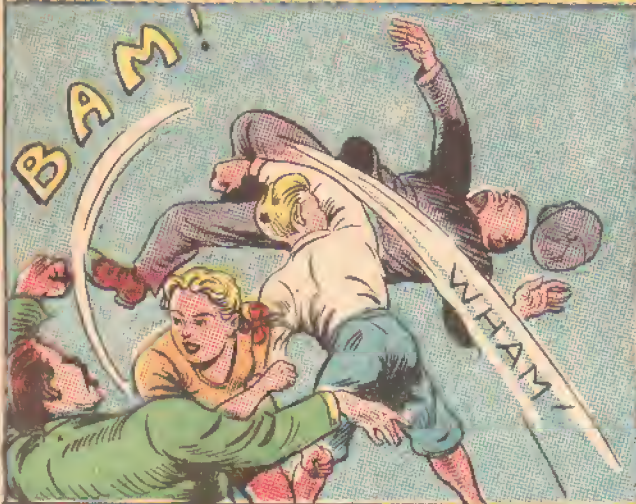
SO GLAD TO SEE SOMEONE AROUND HERE!-- IT IS LONESOME NOW DOT THEY LOCK UP MY FRIEND HENSEN! VE FISH TOGEDDER ALL DER TIME ---MAYBE I JOIN YOU AFTER A WHILE!-- JAH?



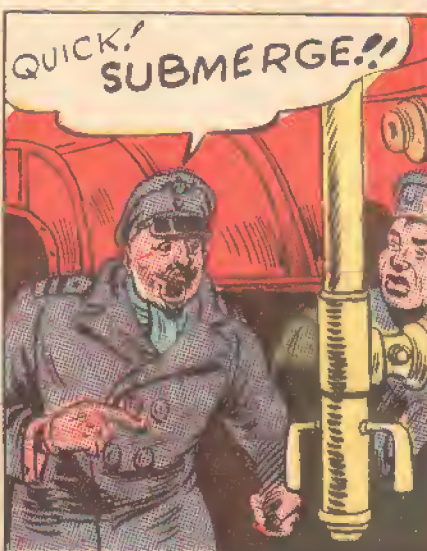




THEN, MICKEY AND THE KITTEN GO TO WORK ON THE OTHER THUGS!



MEANWHILE--A SUBMARINE SUDDENLY SURFACES OFF THE ISLAND AND SILENTLY WAITS IN THE MOONLIGHT--FOR WHAT?

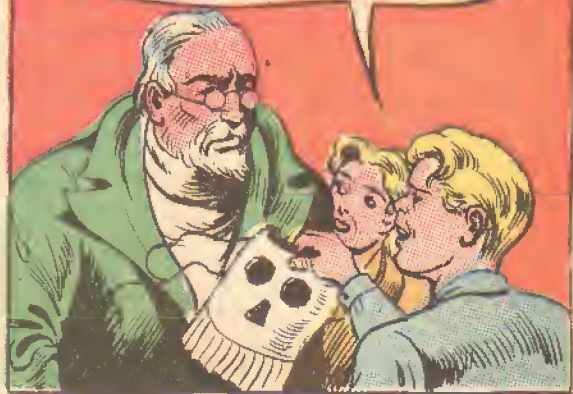


LEAVIN'LE- BY
THE LIGHTHOUSE.
THE MASKED
LEADER'S
REVEALED AND
READY FOR
QUESTIONING!

GO AHEAD, KIDS! YANK
OFF HIS FALSE FACE!
MAYBE THE ONE UNDER-
NEATH WILL BE FUNNIER!



WOW!
IT'S THE
BAITMAN!!!

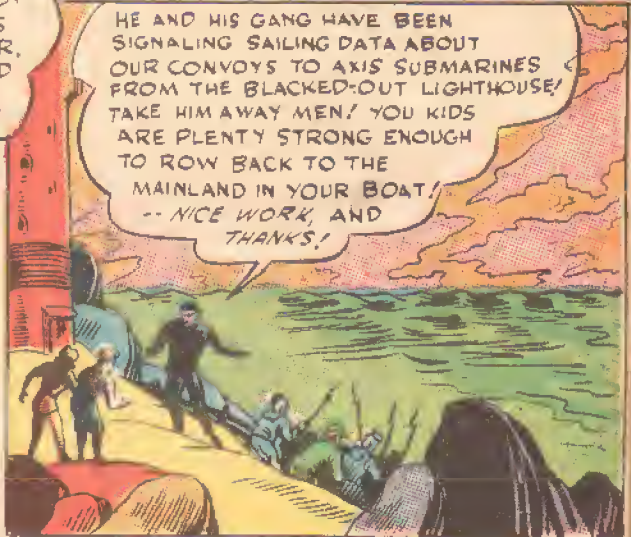


WITH THE SUB IN
TOWN- THE CUTTER
COMES LOOKING
FOR THE COAST
GUARDSMAN!

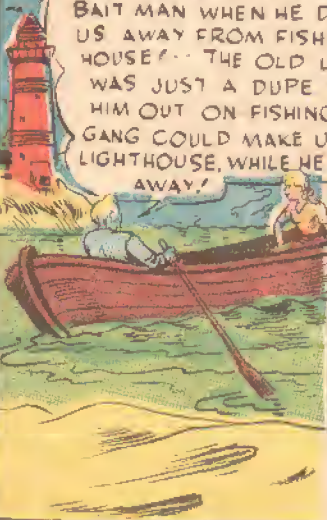
WELL! LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING THERE, BOYS. HE'S
THE WELL-KNOWN SEA-RAIDER,
VON HOOGSTRATEN OF WORLD
WAR I - NOW A SPY IN THE
SERVICE OF THE NAZIS! WE'RE
OLD FRIENDS. EH VON
HOOGSTRATEN?



HE AND HIS GANG HAVE BEEN
SIGNALING SAILING DATA ABOUT
OUR CONVOYS TO AXIS SUBMARINES
FROM THE BLACKED-OUT LIGHTHOUSE!
TAKE HIM AWAY MEN! YOU KIDS
ARE PLENTY STRONG ENOUGH
TO ROW BACK TO THE
MAINLAND IN YOUR BOAT!
-- NICE WORK, AND
THANKS!



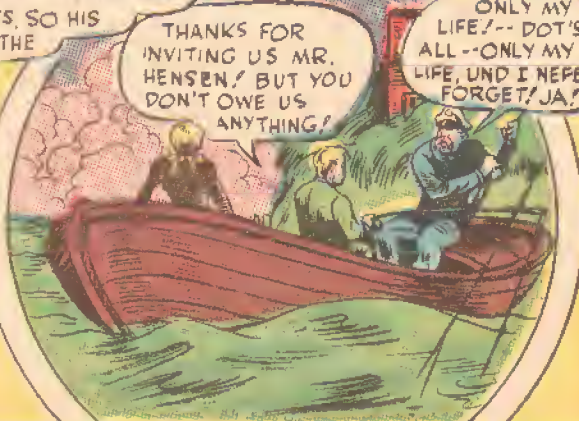
YOU KNOW, KITTEN? I FIRST SUSPECTED THE
BAIT MAN WHEN HE DELIBERATELY STEERED
US AWAY FROM FISHING NEAR THE LIGHT-
HOUSE!... THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER
WAS JUST A DUPE FOR HIM! HE INVITED
HIM OUT ON FISHING TRIPS, SO HIS
GANG COULD MAKE USE OF THE
LIGHTHOUSE, WHILE HE WAS
AWAY!



FEW DAYS LATER--
MICKEY AND THE KITTEN
GO ON ANOTHER FISHING
TRIP... BUT THIS TIME THEY
HAVE COMPANY!

THANKS FOR
INVITING US MR.
HENSEN! BUT YOU
DON'T OWE US
ANYTHING!

ONLY MY
LIFE!-- DOT'S
ALL-- ONLY MY
LIFE, AND I NEVER
FORGET! JA!



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CHARACTERS
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THE RAGMAN

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PATRIOTICALLY MAINTAINING A MUCH NEEDED DAY-NURSERY FOR CHILDREN OF WAR WORKERS, ENEMY AGENTS HAVE MADE IT THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS. HIDDEN BEHIND THE SEEMING INNOCENCE OF "NURSERYLAND," NAZI SPIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER VALUABLE BITS OF INFORMATION FROM THE GUILLESS CHILDREN AND THEIR UNSUSPECTING PARENTS... UNTIL **THE RAGMAN** CROSSED THEIR PATH!



GOD! TRY TO FIND OUT FROM HIS MOTHER IF HE TAKES HIS EQUIPMENT HOME!



RIGHT! I'LL GO NOW... THEY'LL SOON BE CALLING FOR THEIR BRATS!

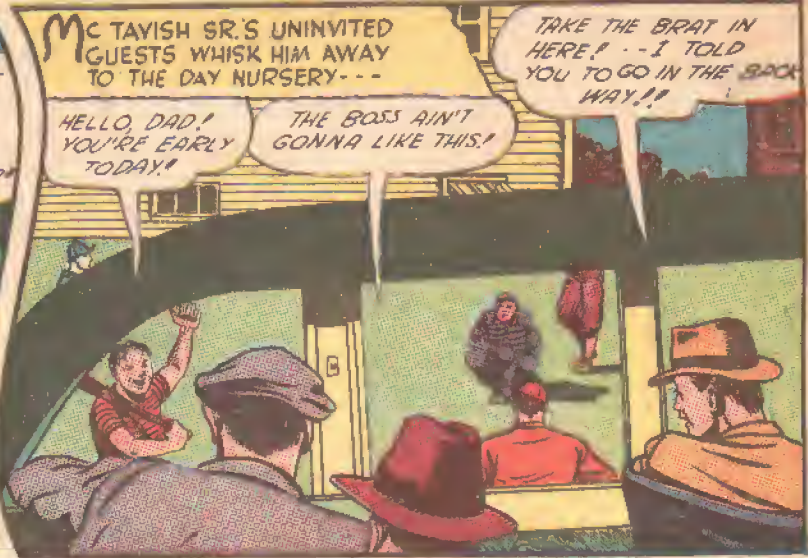


THE FOLLOWING DAY--

GET INTO THE BACK PUNK QUICK!!

WHA---? WHO ARE YOU??

SHUT UP-- AND GET IN THE CAR!



MC TAVISH SR.'S UNINVITED GUESTS WHISK HIM AWAY TO THE DAY NURSERY---

HELLO, DAD! YOU'RE EARLY TODAY!!

THE BOSS AIN'T GONNA LIKE THIS!

TAKE THE BRAT IN HERE! --I TOLD YOU TO GO IN THE BACK WAY!!



TOWARDS EVENING, MRS. MCTAVISH CALLS FOR HER SON, TOMMY--

YOUR HUSBAND CALLED FOR TOMMY THIS AFTERNOON MRS. MCTAVISH!

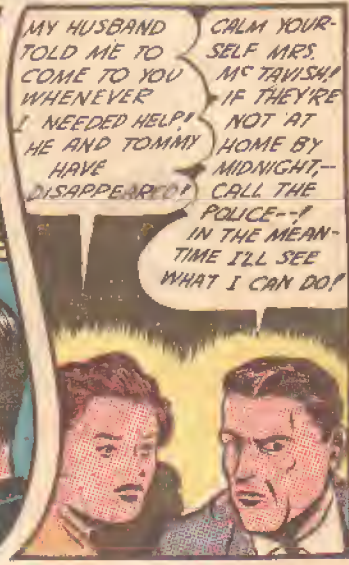
I GUESS THEY MUST BE AT HOME---! THANKS MRS BRAND!



THE SAME NIGHT, AT THE "SENTINEL"

THERE'S A MRS. MCTAVISH TO SEE YOU, MISTAH RAGMAN!

MCTAVISH? OH, YES--- SHOW HER IN!!



MY HUSBAND TOLD ME TO COME TO YOU WHENEVER I NEEDED HELP! HE AND TOMMY HAVE DISAPPEARED!

CALM YOURSELF MRS. MCTAVISH! IF THEY'RE NOT AT HOME BY MIDNIGHT-- CALL THE POLICE--! IN THE MEAN-TIME I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!



HOW DO WE START LOOKIN'? WE AIN'T GOT ONE CLUE!!

I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR MANY YEARS! HE'D NEVER DO SUCH A THING! HIS CAR MUST BE SOMEWHERE! WE'RE GOING TO CALL ON THIS MRS BRAND!!



YOU STAY HERE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!



MY NAME IS CARTER, --I'M FROM THE "SENTINEL," MAY I SEE MRS BRAND?

I'LL SEE IF SHE'S STILL UP! COME IN PLEASE!

A REPORTER? WHAT CAN HE WANT AT THIS HOUR?--GET HIM OUT OF HERE---

NO--WAIT!--WE CAN'T FOOL AROUND WITH THE PRESS!! I'LL SEE WHAT HE WANTS!

--SO IT WOULD HELP US A GREAT DEAL IF YOU COULD REMEMBER WHETHER MR MCTAVISH DROPPED A HINT AS TO WHERE HE WAS GOING---

I'M SORRY MR CARTER--I CAN'T HELP YOU BECAUSE HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!



DISAPPOINTED, THE RAGMAN LEAVES THE NURSERY--

I HOPE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF HIM, I DON'T LIKE REPORTERS!

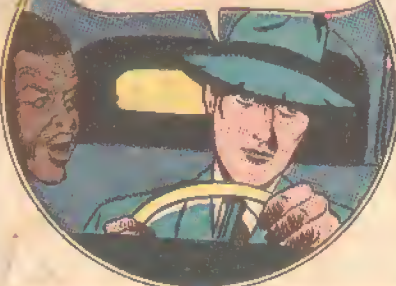
HURRY OTTO! YOU HAVE TO MAKE TWO TRIPS NOW-- AND FINISH TOMORROW NIGHT!--SO HURRY!



MEANWHILE--THE RAGMAN HAS CIRCLED THE BLOCK AND STOPPED HIS CAR NEAR THE NURSERY!

WHAT'S UP, BOSS?

I DON'T BELIEVE MRS BRAND HAS TOLD ME THE TRUTH! I SAW TOMMY'S BAT ON THE TABLE!--I GAVE HIM THAT BAT, AND HE NEVER PARTS WITH IT!



SEVERAL HOURS OF WATCHFUL WAITING HAVE PASSED!--

DON'T DEY EVER GO TO BED? WHO ARE DEM FELLERS?

MUST BE FOOD FROM THE COMMISSARY!



AS THEY START TO DESCEND THE STAIRS--A FIGURE CONFRONTS THEM AT THE BOTTOM!

MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE WAITED A WHILE LONGER?

NO--IT'S ALMOST AN HOUR SINCE THE LAST LIGHT WENT OUT!



AFTER A ROOM-TO-ROOM SEARCH OF THE HOUSE FAILS TO UNCOVER FURTHER EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS SUSPICION,--

WE BETTER GO--IT'S GETTING LIGHT!

EVERYTHING LOOKS ABOVE BOARD!-- WHERE DOES THIS DOOR LEAD TO?--OPEN IT TINY?



PUT UP YOUR HANDS!



MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME GENTLEMEN! SORRY I CAN'T OFFER YOU A CHAIR!...

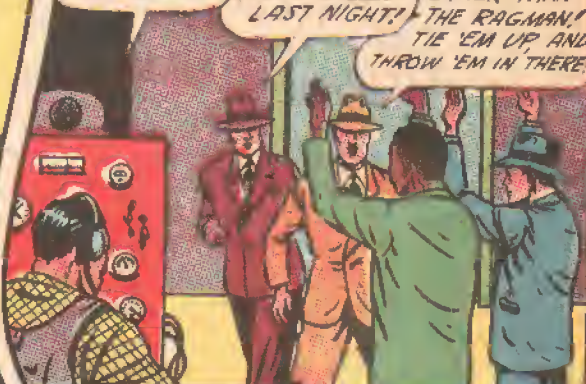
THERE'S A CHAIR WAITING FOR YOU-- WITH A COUPLE OF THOUSAND VOLTS IN IT! WHEN WE GET OUT OF HERE--

AT DAYBREAK THE ENEMY AGENTS RETURN FROM THEIR MYSTERIOUS MISSION--

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT BACK!

THAT'S THE REPORTER WHO CALLED LAST NIGHT!

REPORTER, HAH! THAT'S NONE OTHER THAN THE RAGMAN! TIE 'EM UP AND THROW 'EM IN THERE!



WEAK FROM HUNGER AND THIRST THE TWO PRISONERS WILL NOT GIVE UP THEIR EFFORTS TO FREE THEMSELVES!

IT'S NO USE BOSS! I'M TOO TIRED TO GO ON!

DON'T GIVE UP! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE! KEEP ON RUBBING THE ROPE AGAINST THE EDGE OF THE CRATE!



THE RAGMAN'S UNCEASING WORK IS FINALLY CROWNED WITH THE REWARD OF FREEDOM--

HERE FRANZ, -- THE LAST CHARGE!

GOOT! PUT IT IN THE TRUCK OTTO! THE BOAT WILL PICK ME UP AT MIDNIGHT! I'LL BE BACK BY THREE!!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER--



WRECK THAT TRANSMITTER ONCE AND FOR ALL TINY-- AND-- COME ON QUICK!



GAINING THE STREET UNMOLESTED, THEY REACH THE CAR AND SPEED AWAY--

HAVE A HEART BOSS! LET'S EAT-- I'M STARVED!

YOU'LL HAVE TO GO HUNGRY A WHILE LONGER, TINY! I THINK I'M WISED UP TO THESE MEN! DYNAMITE AND DIVERS LIKE ME'VISH DON'T MIX!



MEANWHILE, -- A TUGBOAT KEEPS A SINISTER RENDEZVOUS ON THE DIMMED-OUT WATERS OF THE HUDSON!



BOWMAN WON'T GO DOWN, CHIEF! HE HAD THE BENDS LAST NIGHT AND REFUSES TO WORK UNTIL HE FEELS BETTER--

THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN THERE MYSELF! GET McTAVISH'S SUIT READY!



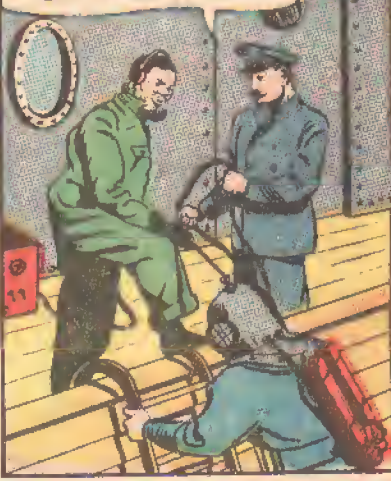
ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY A SIMILAR INCIDENT TAKES PLACE, A LITTLE FURTHER UP-STREAM!

TOO BAD McTAVISH'S PAL IS OUT OF TOWN! THINK YOU CAN DO IT, BOSS??

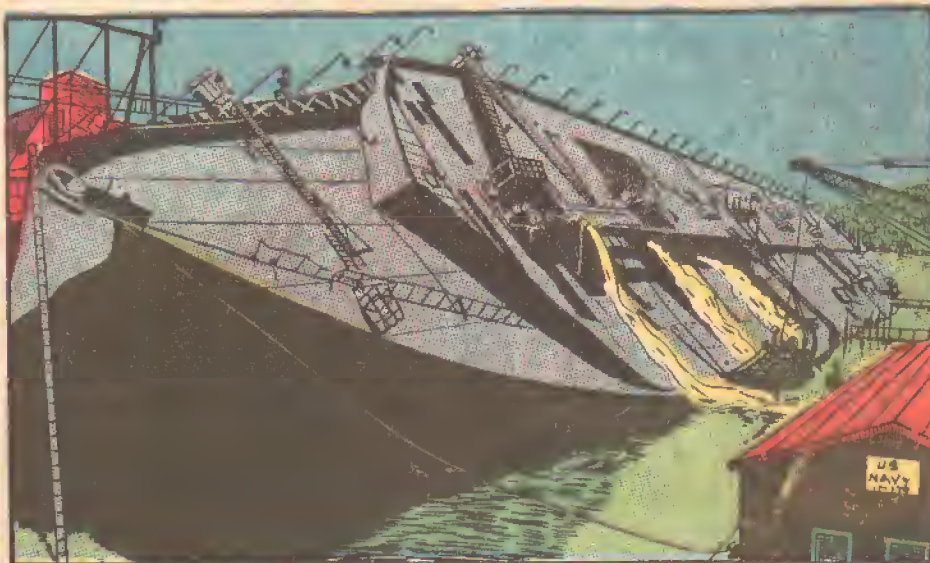
YES!- WE CAN'T FAIL IF YOU'LL DO YOUR JOB ON THIS END!- AND THE NAVY WILL BE THERE BY NOW! --I HOPE!!



I HOPE THE LINE IS LONG ENOUGH! WE DARE NO! GO AMID-STREAM!



AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF SUPERHUMAN TOIL, OUR NAVAL ENGINEERS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RAISING THE FIRE GUTTED LINER "NORMANDE" FROM THE SLIMY RIVER BOTTOM! PUMPED DRY AND ALMOST UPRIGHT, THE GIANT SHIP IS ALMOST READY TO BE TOWED TO DRY-DOCK!



BUT THE CUNNING WORK OF DARING NAZI AGENTS MENACES THE RENAMED "S.S. LAFAYETTE"



THE RAGMAN HASTENS TO THE LISTING SHIP, WHEN--

WHAT'S THE MATTER UP THERE, TINY?--PLAY OUT THE LINE! --I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER!



CAPTAIN, THE LINE IS TOO SHORT!

I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! WE'LL HAVE TO RISK HEADING INTO THE RIVER!-STAND BY FOR ACTION!



TRANSFIXED BY THE SHORTNESS OF HIS LIFE-LINE, THE RAGMAN STANDS HELPLESSLY WATCHING THE SABOTEUR COMPLETE HIS PREPARATIONS FOR THE LINER'S DESTRUCTION!

TINY-TINY! PLAY OUT THE LINE! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE--GIVE ME ENOUGH TO MOVE 30 FEET--HURRY!



AS TINY'S TUG NOSES INTO THE BROAD STREAM,--IT IS IMMEDIATELY SPOTTED BY THE ENEMY AND FIRED ON--!



SEEING THEMSELVES OUTFOUGHT THE COWARDLY CREW TRY TO SAVE THEIR OWN LIVES BY ABANDONING THE DIVER!

HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY--THAT'S MURDER!

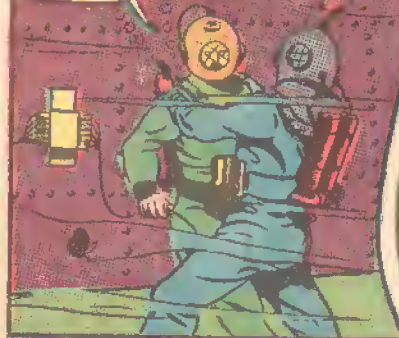
SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!



WHILE THE MINIATURE SEA-BATTLE RAGES, FRANZ IS READY TO RETURN TO HIS TUG!!

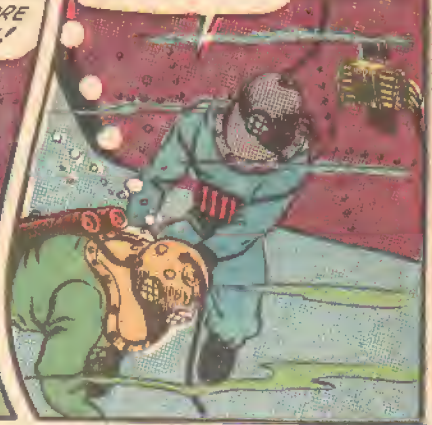
OTTO--OTTO! PULL ME IN!-- THE--THE LINE IS DEAD--!

TINY!--SLACKEN A LITTLE MORE--I GOT HIM!



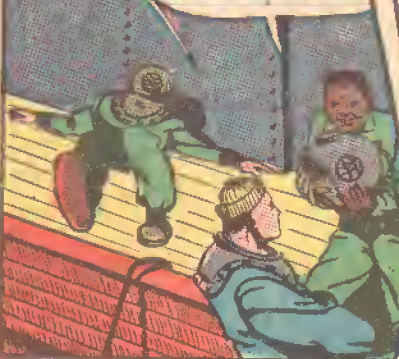
AFTER A SHORT STRUGGLE--

READY TINY! COME ON! START-PULLING! I'VE GOT COMPANY---



NICE RECEPTION COMMITTEE YOU'VE GOT HERE! WHAT HAPPENED?

PLENTY! THEY TRIED TO GET RID OF THEIR DIVER AND MAKE A RUN FOR IT--! BUT WE GOT 'EM BOSS--!



LED BY THE IMPATIENT RAGMAN, A GROUP OF SAILORS SWEEP DOWN ON THE NURSEY--AND THE ENTIRE GANG ARE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY!

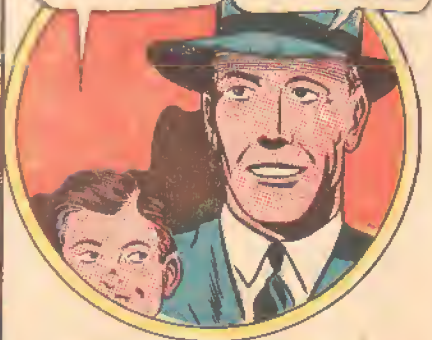
MC TAVISH AND TOMMY ARE IN THERE!

THAT'S FOR MAKING ME GO HUNGRY THIS MORNIN'!



TINY BROKE THAT BAT RIGHT OVER HIS HEAD MR. RAGMAN!

DON'T WORRY, TOMMY!--I'LL BUY YOU A NEW ONE-- WITH PLEASURE!



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THE HOOD HARDLY EVER GETS TANGLED UP WITH A WOMAN, BUT WHEN HE COMES TO GRIPS WITH THIS ONE, HE GETS MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF TROUBLE... BUT OUR FEARLESS FIGHTER OF ORGANIZED SPY GROUPS HANDLES HIMSELF WELL IN HIS...

**"ADVENTURE with
LADY SATAN"**

and "The Adventure with Lady Satan"

Drawn by JACK ALDRICH
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THE GARLING AIRCRAFT CORPORATION'S NIGHT CREW IS JUST COMING TO WORK

LOOK - JOE, THAT WOMAN - WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER? SHE'S CRYING!

LET'S FIND OUT! I WONDER WHO SHE IS?

BEG PARDON MISS, IS ANYTHING WRONG?

WE HEARD YOU CRYING AND WE

OH! I AM SO UNHAPPY!

WELL! GOSH YOU CAN AT LEAST LOOK UP AND TELL US!

ALLRIGHT YOU STUPID FOOLS! FOR YOUR CURIOSITY YOU WILL DIE

WHAT! WHAT?

THERE IS A SUDDEN STAB OF ALMOST INVISIBLE FLAME AND JOE AND HIS FRIEND REEL BACKWARD

TWO MORE TO ADD TO MY LIST!

ARRRRGGHH!

QUICKLY TAKING TO HER HEELS THE MYSTERIOUS SKULL FACED WOMAN VANISHES INTO THE NIGHT

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR LADY SATAN?

IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE AN INVESTIGATION IS HELD OVER THE BODIES OF JOE AND HIS FRIEND

DEAD! BOTH OF THEM! KILLED BY A TERRIFIC BOLT OF ELECTRICITY!

I SAW BOTH OF 'EM TALKING TO A WOMAN RIGHT HERE!

THERE'S A NOTE STICKIN' OUT OF THE OTHER GUY'S POCKET!

THIS IS AMAZING! IT SAYS, LADY SATAN HAS STRUCK AND WILL STRIKE AGAIN! THE LIVES OF ALL WAR WORKERS ARE COMPLETELY AT MY MERCY!

LADY SATAN!

THE FOLLOWING EVENING AT THE HOTEL COMMANDER MAJOR WOOD IS INTERRUPTED

COLONEL QUINLAN'S COMPLIMENTS SIR HE WISHES TO SEE YOU AT ONCE!

OH, VERY WELL FORGIVE ME RAY! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!

I'LL WAIT, CRAIG!



ENROUTE, MAJOR WOOD TRIES TO QUIZ THE OFFICER....

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE ANY HOW?

I'M SORRY SIR! I DON'T KNOW! BUT IT APPEARS TO BE VERY URGENT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER IN COLONEL QUINLAN'S OFFICE

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME SIR?

SIT DOWN MAJOR WE'VE GOT ANOTHER PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS. THIS IS ABOUT THE WORST WE'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED! I WANT YOU TO MEET MR GARLING PRESIDENT OF GARLING AIR-CRAFT CO

LAST NIGHT A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WITH A SKULL FACE, KILLED TWO WAR WORKERS WITH AN ELECTRIC SHOCK OF SOME KIND. THIS MORNING TWO GIRL WELDERS WERE FOUND DEAD UNDER THE SAME MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES!

AND THAT IS ALL THE FACTS WE HAVE TO GO ON

YES! YOUR SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES IN THIS SORT OF THING FORCES ME TO ASSIGN YOU TO UNCOVER THIS MENACE IN ANY WAY YOU SEE FIT MAJOR!



YES! AND MY EMPLOYEES HAVE SUCH A BAD CASE OF THE JITTERS THAT THEY ALL WANT TO QUIT!



AFTER COMPLETING HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE COLONEL, MAJOR WOOD JUMPS INTO A CAB AND HEADS BACK TO THE RESTAURANT

FIRST, I'LL TAKE RAY HOME THEN, HEY! LOOK OUT!



BARELY AVOIDING A COLLISION BY INCHES THE DARKENED WINDOW OF THE OTHER CAR OPENS SUDDENLY, AND....

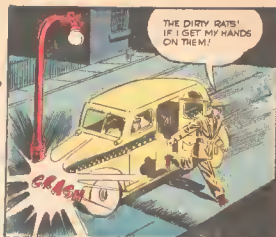


THE VICIOUS HAIL OF BULLETS FINDS A MARK BUT NOT MAJOR WOOD....

GOOD GRIEF!
HE'S HIT!

AGGGRRH!

OPENING THE
DOOR, MAJOR
WOOD LEAPS
TO SAFETY
NOT A SECOND
TOO SOON...



THE DIRTY RATS!
IF I GET MY HANDS
ON THEM!

WHOEVER WANTED TO GET
ME OUT OF THE WAY SURE
MEANT IT! I BETTER GET AWAY
FROM HERE QUICK!

MEANWHILE RAY IS APPROACHED
BY A STRANGER AT THE COMMAN-
DEER'S DINING ROOM...

FOLLOWING THE DARK CARBED
WOMAN, RAY ACCOMPANIES HER TO
A WAITING AUTOMOBILE...

YES I'M
MISS HERMAN!

I HAVE A
MESSAGE
FROM MAJOR
WOOD. HE
WANTS YOU TO
COME WITH
ME!

THIS IS SO
STRANGE .
IS ANYTHING
WRONG >

NOT A THING
YOU'LL LEARN
ALL ABOUT IT
IN A LITTLE
WHILE!

ARRIVING AT THE HOTEL DINING ROOM, MAJOR WOOD
LOOKS AROUND FOR HIS COMPANION

MISS HERMAN? WHY
SHE LEFT ABOUT FIFTEEN
MINUTES AGO WITH A
WOMAN I DIDN'T SEE
HER FACE, SHE WORE
A VEIL!

NOW IT'S VEILED
LADIES! HEY WHAT
GOES ON HERE?

RUSHING
OUTSIDE TO
AN ALLEY,
MAJOR WOOD
DECIDES ON
HIS NEXT MOVE

THIS PROBLEM HAS ME STUMPED..
BUT I HAVE A HUNCH THAT THE WHOLE
SOLUTION LIES IN THE GARLING AIR-
CRAFT FACTORY AND THAT'S WHERE
I'M GOING FAST, AS THE HOOB!



A SHORT TIME LATER AT AN UNDISCLOSED HIDE-OUT...

GOOD HEAVENS! WHO ARE YOU?

I AM LADY SATAN! BY BRINGING YOU HERE, YOUR FRIEND MAJOR WOOD WILL ARRIVE MUCH SOONER THAN EXPECTED AND CAN BE DISPOSED OF MUCH QUICKER! I WILL LEAVE YOU NOW. I HAVE WORK TO DO! GOOD-BYE!

SOON THE WOOD REACHES THE PLANT...

NO TIME TO USE GATES NOW! HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?

WHO IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER?

I DUNNO! TURN HER OVER AND LET'S SEE HER FACE!

IT'S LADY SATAN!

FOOLS! NOW YOU'LL GET A TASTE OF MY FORM OF DEATH!

SATAN OR NO SATAN... HERE GOES!

THE WOOD MAKES A GRAB FOR LADY SATAN BUT CRASHES AGAINST THE TERRIFIC HIGH VOLTAGE OF ELECTRICITY PENETRATING FROM HER BODY... BUT...

UGHHH!

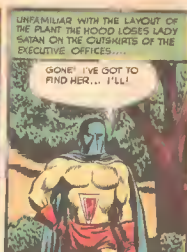
YEOW!



THE HOOD!



QUICKLY SHE DASHES AWAY
WITH THE HOOD IN 'HOT PURSUIT'.



UNFAMILIAR WITH THE LAYOUT OF
THE PLANT THE HOOD LOSES LADY
SATAN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES....

GONE! I'VE GOT TO
FIND HER... I'LL!



MEANWHILE BACK AT THE HIDEOUT WHERE RAY IS
HELD PRISONER....

YOUR FRIEND MAJOR WOOD
HASN'T ARRIVED YET BUT A
MORE DANGEROUS ADVERSARY
IS ON OUR GROUNDS... THE HOOD!
BUT I'LL MAKE SHORT WORK
OF HIM!

THE HOOD?

NO SOONER
HAS LADY
SATAN AGAIN
LEFT, WHEN
ABEL GARUNG,
HIS WIFE AND
DAUGHTER
BURST IN ON
RAY....



WE WE SAW THAT FIEND
DRAG YOU HERE! WHO...
WHO ARE YOU?

YOU
POOR
CHILD!

A FRIEND
OF MAJOR
WOOD'S



WE WILL GET THE POLICE
MY DAUGHTER WILL STAY
WITH YOU IN THE MEAN-
TIME!

COME ABEL!
HURRY!



IF YOU'RE
SMART YOU'LL
TAKE YOUR CHARMS
AND GET OUT OF
THIS PLACE!

WHY...
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



YES... JUST WHAT
DO YOU MEAN?

SUDDENLY MR. GARLING ENTERS THE ROOM UNEXPECTEDLY.



...I...I...

HERE'S WHAT SHE MEANS, MISTER HOOD!

WITH THE SPEED OF A BULLET THE HOOD SWINGS INTO ACTION, WITH A TERRIFIC UPPERCUT....



HERE'S A TASTE OF MY KIND OF MEDICINE!

DOO!

OW!

SMACK!

MY DAUGHTER HAS FOOLISHLY PLACED HER LIFE ABOVE THE WELFARE OF THE THIRD REICH... FOR THAT SHE MUST DIE ALONG WITH YOU TWO! COME HERE LADY SATAN!



LADY SATAN, EH? WELL THERE'S GOING TO BE THE DEVIL TO PAY WHEN THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE GETS WORD OF THIS! TELL COLONEL QUINLAN TO COME RIGHT OVER RAY! HURRY!

CAN'T BE QUICK ENOUGH FOR ME!



SORRY BUT I CAN'T STAY! JUST HOLD THAT GUN ON THEM! IF THEY GET OUT OF LINE YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

AND HOW! WITH PLEASURE!



TEN MINUTES LATER MAJOR WOOD RUSHES IN WHERE RAY IS HOLDING THE GROUP AT BAY. ...

YOU! RAY! WHAT APE YOU DOING HERE?

I DUNNO! THE HOOD HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT, I PHONED FOR COLONEL QUINLAN!



THE NEXT EVENING....

CLEVER... DIABOLICALLY CLEVER! GARLING WAS GETTING MONEY FROM THE NAZIS FOR STALLING PRODUCTION, THAN HE WORKED WITH HIS WIFE ON THE PLAN TO TERRORIZE THE WORKERS! THEY HAD UNDERGROUND WIRES LEADING FROM THEIR POWER PLANT OUT TO THE FRONT FENCE, WHEN SHE PUT HER HEEL ON METAL CONTACT POINT, SHE WAS ABLE TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY! HM! CHARMING WOMAN!

SO THE HOOD GOT THERE FIRST AND BEAT ME TO THE PUNCH AGAIN, EH? RAY?

AND HOW? WHAT A MAN HE IS CRAIG! WHAT A MAN



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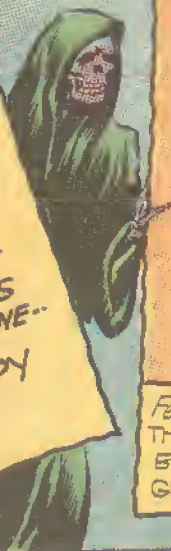


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MEMENTO OF A LAWLESS
ERA, WHEN THE WEST WAS
YOUNG---

THIS IS A TRUE STORY OF THE
KID--BILLY BONNEY-- AS TOLD BY
A CLOSE FRIEND OF HIS A. R. ANAYA!

ANAYA FIRST
MET BILLY WHEN JOSE CHAVEZ Y CHAVEZ AND
A GROUP OF MEN WERE CAMPED ON HIS FATHER'S
RANCH, NEAR FORT
SUMNER!

JOSE!-- WHY DON'T
YOU ASK BEFORE
YOU KILL MY
SHEEP?

DON'T GET EXCITED!
AMIGO---WE WILL
PAY FOR THE
SHEEP!-- COME
MEET MY BEST
FRIEND, BILLY
THE KID--



ANAYA AND THE KID
LIKED EACH OTHER IMMEDIATELY

YOU LOOK LIKE
YOU HAVE DONE
SOME HARD
RIDING! COME
OVER TO OUR RANCH
HOUSE AND REFRESH
YOURSELF!

THANKS--I'LL BE
GLAD TO, AMIGO--



ABOUT A YEAR LATER, -- ANAYA AND A GROUP OF MEN WERE AT BOB JOHNSON'S SALOON!!

BILLY IS PRETTY SORE BECAUSE JOHN CHISUM AIN'T PAYIN' HIM THE FIVE THOUSAND HE OWES HIM FOR ROUNDIN' UP THE STOCK DURIN' THE CATTLE WAR----

YEAH!-- AND I HEARD CHISUM HAS SENT THIS GUY JOE GRANT TO SHUT THE KID UP IF HE STARTS TALKING!-- THERE'S TROUBLE BREWIN'!

JUST THEN THE KID STEPPED IN, -- FOLLOWED BY JOE GRANT!!

COME ON BOYS -- LINE UP!-- YOU TOO GRANT!! -- DRINKS ARE ON ME!

AS THE DRINKS WERE BEING POURED -- AN INDIAN DESPERADO, CALLED "NAVAJO FRANK," ENTERED!!

HI, YA FRANK!-- COME ON-- HAVE A DRINK!

GRANT REFUSED THE KID'S OFFER!

I AIN'T DRINKIN' WITH YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS-- SAVVY?

ALL RIGHT-- I LEAVE BAR!-- I DON'T DRINK WITH YOU EITHER!-- I GO--

BILLY TURNED TO STOP HIS INDIAN FRIEND, WHEN--

JUST A MINUTE COWBOY--

BEFORE GRANT COULD PULL THE TRIGGER, THE KID WHIRLED AND FIRED THREE SHOTS IN RAPID SUCCESSION--

AGGHRRR!

YA DIRTY COYOTE!

HERE WAS AN OMINOUS SILENCE-- THEN--

YOU BOYS'LL HAVE TO SWEAR THAT I KILLED GRANT IN SELF DEFENSE!

SURE BILLY--WE'LL GO DOWN TO THE SHERIFF, NOW--

AS THEY WERE LEAVING, NAVAJO FRANK RETURNED, LOOKING FOR GRANT.

YOU'RE TOO LATE FRANK-- I KILLED HIM MYSELF!

UGH! GOOD, HIM BAD MEDICINE!

ABOUT NINE DAYS LATER, JOHN CHISUM WALKED INTO JOHNSON'S SALOON-- ALONE!

HOWDY, BOYS! HOW ABOUT A DRINK? OH--HELLO BILLY--HOW'S TRICKS?

FINE, CHISUM.

AS THE BARTENDER POURED THE LIQUOR-- BILLY TURNED TO CHISUM--

CHISUM--I WANTA TALK TO YOU!!

ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT THIS!---BITE THIS GUN AND FOLLOW ME--- YOU LOW DOWN CHEAT!!

HUH?

THE KID LED HIM TO THE WOODPILE--AND PULLED THE GUN FROM HIS MOUTH-- THEN HE MADE HIM CLIMB TO THE TOP!!

THE CROWD WAITED BREATHLESSLY, AS BILLY STARTED SLOWLY TO PULL THE TRIGGER!!

WRITE ME A CHECK FOR THE FIVE THOUSAND YA OWE ME, OR I'LL PLUG YA!!

FELLERS--DID YA EVER SEE AN OWL FLOP FROM A TREE WHEN HE'S SHOT?

N-N-NO! I-I-HAVEN'T GOT MY CHECK-BOOK ON ME-- I--I'LL GO HOME AND GET IT-- R-RIGHT NOW--!

BILLY LOWERED HIS GUN--

CHISUM--I'LL
GIVE YA TWO
HOURS TA
BRING THAT
CHECK BACK--
CERTIFIED--OR
I'M GOING OUT TO
GET YA--!

KIND CHISUM PAID--

PAT GARRET, --NEWLY
ELECTED SHERIFF AND FORM-
ER FRIEND OF BILLY'S--WAS
NOW HOT ON HIS TRAIL--!

THE KIDS NAME HAS BEEN
LINKED WITH TOO MANY CRIMES
AROUND HERE!-- THIS
BEING CHRISTMAS

EVE--HE AND
HIS GANG WILL
COME TO TOWN,
--AND I AIMS TO
GIVE HIM A
LITTLE RECEPTION!
COME ON--

I THINK WE'RE TAKING
A CHANCE GOING INTO
TOWN TONIGHT CHARLIE!

AW! COME ON, BILLY!
WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN!
BESIDES I WANT TO SEE
MY WIFE!

THEY FINALLY PERSUADED BILLY TO GO WITH
THEM!-- TOM O'FOLLIARD WAS IN THE LEAD--
FAR AHEAD OF THE REST--

IT'S THEM,
SHERIFF!

DON'T WASTE
TIME WITH 'EM.
LET 'EM HAVE
IT NOW!

THE
FIRST
VOLLEY
OF SLUGS
CRASHED
INTO
O'FOLLIARD
AND HIS
HORSE!

LET'S GET OUT OF
HERE-- PRONTO!

TOM STAGGERED BACK TO WHERE THE REST
OF THE GANG WERE WAITING!

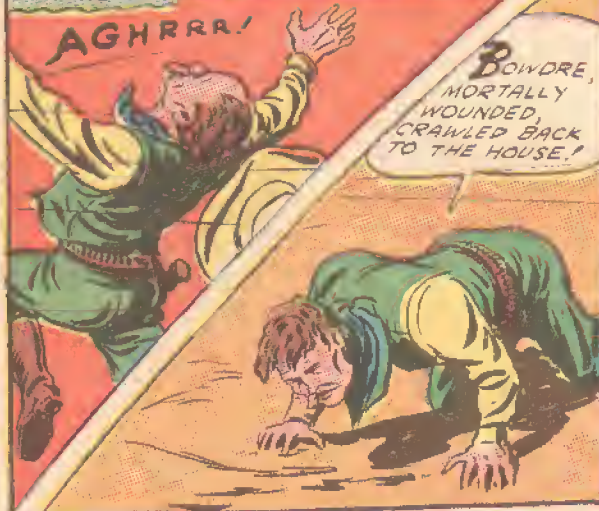
YOU'RE BADLY WOUNDED TOM!
BETTER GIVE YOURSELF UP!
WE'RE HEADIN' BACK
TO TAIBAN!

G'FOLLARD DIED WHILE THE SHERIFF WAS TRYING TO QUESTION HIM! -- THEN THE POSSE ONCE MORE TOOK UP THE TRAIL!

THIS MUST BE IT! -- GET THE DEPUTIES TO SURROUND THE PLACE, -- AND WE'LL WAIT TILL DAY-BREAK!!



WHEN THE SHERIFF'S POSSE OPENED FIRE --



BOWDRE, MORTALLY WOUNDED, CRAWLED BACK TO THE HOUSE!

AT DAWNING THE DOOR OPENED, AND CHARLIE BOWDRE STEPPED OUT!



HERE'S YOUR FEED, OLD SNOOT --

SHERIFF GARRET CALLED FOR THEM TO SURRENDER -- BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER -- AND THE BATTLE RAGED ALL DAY!

OUR HORSES ARE GONE, AND OUR AMMUNITION'S LOW! WE GOTTA GIVE UP, BOYS --



WE'LL SURRENDER -- IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO SHOOT US WHEN WE COME OUT!

YOU HAVE MY PROMISE, COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

BILLY AND THE REST OF THE GANG, TOM PICKETT, BILLY WILSON, AND RUDABOUGH WERE TAKEN TO FORT SUMNER, ALONG WITH THE BODY OF BOWDRE, WHO WAS BURIED THERE!

BARNEY, PICK TEN MEN AS GUARDS! I'M TAKING THESE MEN TO THE STATE PRISON IN SANTA FE!



WHEN THE PARTY ARRIVED AT LAS VEGAS, A CROWD GATHERED -- AND THE LOCAL OFFICERS DEMAND THAT PAT TURN RUDABOUGH OVER TO THEM!

WE WANT HIM FOR BREAKING JAIL, AND KILLING A GUARD! IF YOU DON'T HAND HIM OVER -- WE'LL TAKE HIM ANYWAY!

SORRY FELLERS, BUT HE'S MY PRISONER -- AND I'M TAKIN' HIM TO SANTA FE -- YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN TO GET THIS MAN!

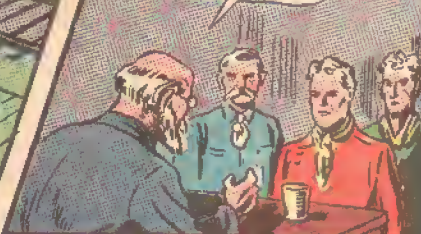


THE TRAIN LEFT LAS VEGAS AND PROCEEDED ON TO SANTA FE--

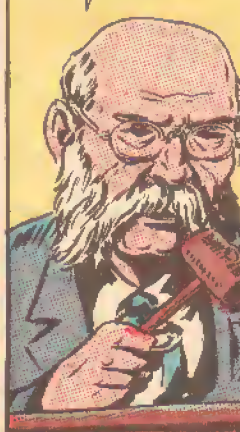


SHE GANG WAS PUT IN JAIL AT SANTA FE! LATER BILLY WAS MOVED TO LAS CRUCES, AND PUT ON TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF BRADY--

--AND FOR RESISTING AND KILLING A PEACE OFFICER--I SENTENCE YOU TO **DEATH BY HANGING!**



SHERIFF--I WANT YOU TO GUARD THIS PRISONER WELL!



I'D BETTER BE GUARDED WELL,--OR THERE WON'T BE ANY NECKTIE PARTY FOR BILLY THE KID!



AFTER THE TRIAL, BILLY HANDCUFFED, AND WITH LEG-IRONS WAS TAKEN TO LINCOLN WHERE THEY FIXED UP A JAIL ON THE UPPER FLOOR OF THE COURT HOUSE!



LISTEN, BELL, AND OLLINGER-- GUARD THIS HOMBRE, NIGHT AND DAY-- SAVVY?

DON'T WORRY SHERIFF!

THERE WAS A GIRL IN LINCOLN, AN ADMIRER OF BILLY, WHO CAME TO SEE HIM SEVERAL TIMES!



I HAVE BRING YOU NICE TORTILLO TO EAT! MAYBE YOU WILL LIKE DESE,--YES?

GRACIAS, SENORITA!

BITING INTO THE TORTILLO THE KID DISCOVERS--



A KNIFE!! AND BOY-- CAN I USE IT!

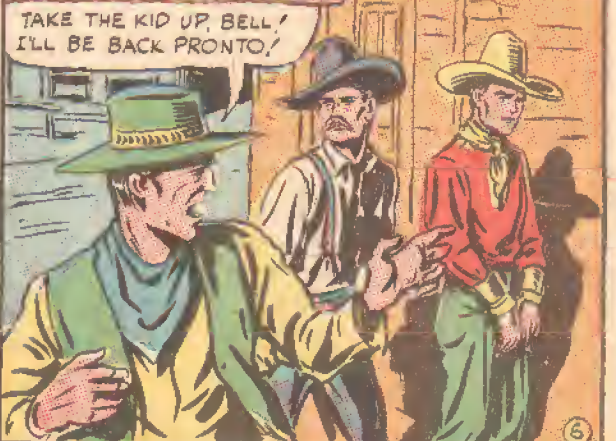
WITH THE KNIFE, BILLY PATIENTLY FASHIONED A KEY THAT WOULD UNLOCK HIS HANDCUFFS!

THOSE HOMBRES ARE AFRAID OF ME, AND HAVE ITCHY TRIGGER FINGERS! THEY'D LIKE TO SEE ME TRY TO ESCAPE-- AND PLUG ME

WHILE I'M DOIN' IT--I'LL DO IT MY WAY!



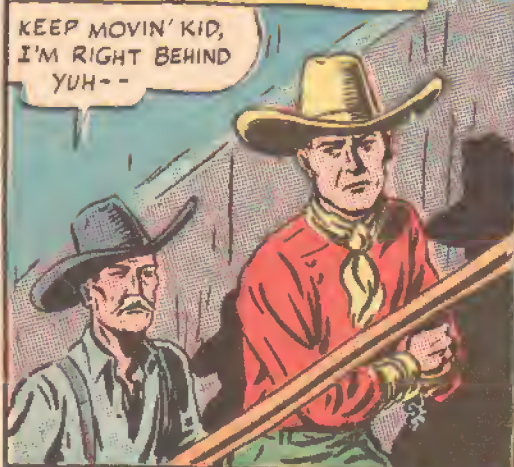
ONE DAY AFTER TAKING THE KID OUT FOR BREAKFAST, THEY WERE ABOUT TO RE-ENTER THE JAIL, WHEN OLLINGER DECIDED TO GO ACROSS THE STREET FOR SOME CIGARS!



TAKE THE KID UP, BELL! I'LL BE BACK PRONTO!

AS THEY STARTED UP THE STAIRS, BILLY MANAGED TO GET THE HAND MADE KEY OUT, AND OPENED THE LEFT HANDCUFF BEFORE THEY REACHED THE ROOM!

KEEP MOVIN' KID,
I'M RIGHT BEHIND
YUH--



SUDDENLY, BILLY SWUNG AROUND, AND WITH A QUICK MOTION STRUCK BELL ACROSS THE TEMPLE WITH THE HANDCUFF!



THEN-- HE TOOK HIS VICTIM'S GUN, AND SHOT HIM IN THE BACK!



HOBBLING WITH HIS LEG CHAINS TO A CORNER OF THE ROOM, HE PICKED UP A WINCHESTER RIFLE, --AND JUST AS OLLINGER CAME RUNNING FROM ACROSS THE STREET!--

WE'LL SEE WHO'S
GOT ITCHY
FINGERS--



OLLINGER-- YOU WANTED SOME GUN-
PLAY-- WELL-- HERE IT IS--



OLLINGER NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM-- IT WAS ALL OVER IN A MATTER OF SECONDS--



THE KID THEN CAME TO THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS--

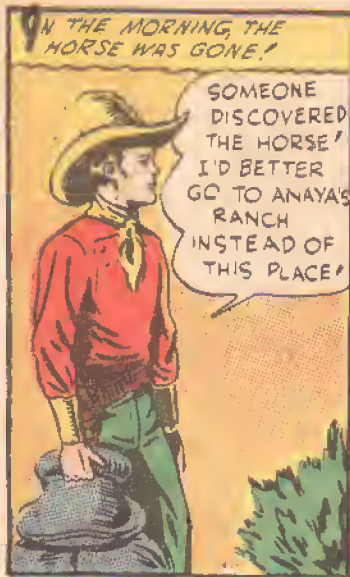
BELL AIN'T DEAD! I
THOUGHT HE WUZ
A GONER!-- I'LL FIX
THAT MAUVERICK, ONCE
AND FOR ALL--



HE TOOK CAREFUL AIM WITH THE RIFLE, --AND KILLED THE WOUNDED DEPUTY!--







ON THAT SAME NIGHT, BILLY STOPPED AT SAVAL GUTIERREZ HOUSE!

HELLO, BILLEE! COME IN! IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU! -- YOU ARE HUNGRY MEBBEE?

I WILL COOK YOU SOME SUPPER BILLEE -- BUT I HAVE NO MEAT! WILL YOU RUN OVER TO DON SILVA'S FOR SOME?



AT SILVA'S PLACE --

SORRY BILLEE, MY MEAT'S ALL GONE -- BUT PETE MAXWELL SLAUGHTERED A STEER TODAY! --

GOOD! -- I'LL RUN OVER TO PETE'S! IT'S ONLY A FEW STEPS DOWN THE ROAD!



ENTERING MAXWELL'S HOUSE, HE SAW TWO OF GARRETT'S DEPUTIES!

OH-OH -- I'VE GOT TO GET TO SEE PETE, PRONTO --

THESE TWO HOMBRES LOOK LIKE TROUBLE!



HE OPENED PETE'S BEDROOM DOOR SLOWLY AND CALLED OUT SOFTLY --

PETE --- IT'S ME ---



-- BUT SHERIFF GARRETT, HIDING IN THE ROOM, HEARD THE VOICE AND FIRED TWICE!



IT'S ALL OVER BOYS -- I JUST KILLED HIM!!

THIS ENDED THE RECKLESS BUT SHORT CAREER OF THE NOTORIOUS BILLY THE KID!



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